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From:

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## **Proposed creation of a Combined Fire Authority for Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Portsmouth and Southampton.**

Response from Ryde Town Council:

Following discussions at Full Council and subsequent submissions from individual members, it was agreed that RTC put forward the following informal view of the plan.

We cannot support the plan for the following reasons:

1. Lack of representation from the Island at the new fire authority (1 of 10 seats)
2. Transfer of assets from IWC to the new Authority would be a loss to the Island.
3. There should be no decision prior to any results from the HMICFRS Inspections and possible future reference to lack of governance.
4. TUPE of firefighters to the new authority. (Salaries and Pension rights).
5. There has been no regard to IRMP (Integrated Risk Management Plan). We have one on the IW but have not seen or have no knowledge of an IRMP for Hampshire.
6. Isle of Wight Association of Local Councils (IWALC) have unanimously resolved to oppose the proposed amalgamation.

Yours sincerely,

Malcolm Ross