

Date: 24<sup>th</sup> March 2008

## **ALL MEMBERS**

### **CFO's letter and DVD – stated 4 and 4 “agreement” and £5 million “budget deficit”**

Dear Brother/Sister,

FBU members throughout Merseyside have been contacting the FBU officials with regards to another home address letter sent out by the CFO and some of our members have actually watched the DVD contained within that letter and also complained about its content.

Your FBU officials have consistently asked the question since the Audit Commission report publication that if Merseyside Fire Service have already saved £23.125 million savings in a 4 year period then why on earth would there be another £5 million to be saved.

This question has now been raised with councillors and MP's across Merseyside and we are eager to find out what has been done with the £23.125 million in savings and why Merseyside need to make another £5 million “savings”. We will keep our members updated on the political and financial debates that have been started and continue to take place as a result of asking those questions.

Attached to this FBU all members circular, sent to FBU members for FBU members and put on our FBU members website, is recent correspondence sent from your brigade officials and the replies received from MF&RS management.

FBU members will understand why, with two collective agreements and long standing fire authority policy to ride 5 and 4 on two pump stations and 5 on all one pump stations (no matter what shift system they are working to), your FBU officials needed to clarify exactly why there seems to be differing opinions with regards to those collective agreements and policies.

Please take time to read through all the attached correspondence and policies, as always your FBU branch and brigade officials are available to answer any questions.

Yours in Unity

Mark Dunne  
Brigade Chair

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WILL BE ADDED TO THIS WEBPAGE SHORTLY.**