

## READING BOROUGH COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING

23 JANUARY 2018

### ITEM NO. 9 - ROYAL BERKSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

That the Council:

- Recognises the new and emerging pressures placed on Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service by the Grenfell Tower fire;
- Supports the call for flexibility along the lines of that offered to police and crime commissioners for Royal Berkshire Fire Authority in the setting of Council Tax locally for 2018/19;
- Recognises that this flexibility is critical in ensuring the continuation of critical and life-saving prevention, protection and response services for the people of Berkshire;
- Reading Borough Council writes to Central Government to express our support for this position and request that this be taken into consideration in the setting of the Council Tax Referendum Principles and Local Government Finance Settlement.