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Dear Stakeholder,

TYNE AND WEAR FIRE AUTHORITY STATEMENT OF ASSURANCE 2024/2025

I am pleased to share with you for your information, a link to the Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Authority's Statement of Assurance for 2024/2025, which outlines how we continue to deliver our services effectively while maintaining compliance with all relevant legislation across our area of responsibility.

The Statement of Assurance provides annual assurance regarding governance, financial stewardship and operational performance. The statement covering the period 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025 presents a comprehensive overview of how the Service fulfils its statutory duties in relation to prevention, protection, emergency response and resilience thereby strengthening both transparency and accountability.

In accordance with statutory requirements, the Authority publishes a Statement of Assurance each year. The 2024/2025 statement is available on the Service's website at: www.twfire.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2025/10/Statement-of-Assurance-2024-2025.pdf

As detailed in the statement, there is a strong level of assurance across the key areas reviewed. I trust you will find the report informative and of value, and I would encourage you to share it with your teams as appropriate.

Yours sincerely

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