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Dear Mr Evenett

RE: Fire at Electrical Sub Station, Southsea on 26 June 2010

The Scrutiny Management Panel at Portsmouth City Council is empowered to provide a statutory scrutiny function under section 21 of the Local Government Act 2000.

Following the fire at the electrical sub-station in Southsea on 26th June this year and subsequent power failure that affected much of Portsmouth throughout that day, the Scrutiny Management Panel were contacted and asked to enquire into the circumstances surrounding the fire as well as the emergency and civil response to this incident.

The panel have received responses from the City Council Civil Contingencies Team, Scottish and Southern Energy, together with the response from the residential management company that are responsible for residents in Gun Wharf, which I have attached for your information.

The Scrutiny Management Panel would be grateful if Hampshire Fire & Rescue Service would provide them with a copy of your incident report and any subsequent findings following your investigation into this incident, to give the panel a better understanding of the incident and how it was dealt with. It is normal practice that all documents received by Scrutiny Panels are dealt with as public documents and will appear on Portsmouth City Council's website unless there are specific reasons for dealing with submissions as "exempt information".

Subject to the content of the response, the panel may wish to invite a member of Hampshire Fire & Rescue Service to a future meeting to discuss the response and any lessons learnt. I look forward to receiving your response.

Yours sincerely

Councillor Cheryl Buggy
Chair, Scrutiny Management Panel