

## **Question to the Cabinet at its meeting of 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2020**

### **Changes to Staffordshire First Responders**

West Midlands Ambulance service have banned First Responder vehicles in Staffordshire from using Blue Lights when attending emergency calls. Additionally they are now prevented them from carrying certain vital drugs previously administered by them.

The first responders in the Rural areas often arrive before Paramedics and their early intervention can be the difference between life and death.

Please can the Leader of the Council write and urge the West Midlands Ambulance service to reverse this decision to ensure that the residents within Rural communities can once again be served by an efficient and effective first responder service to supplement the Ambulance service?

In addition please can the Council write to the MP for Newcastle-under-Lyme to ask him to make every effort to reverse this decision?

**Cllr Bert Proctor**