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There is likely to be a great deal of head scratching among those responsible for balancing the books in the UK Fire Services. All the major parties in the run up to the General Election were stressing there would

be no cuts to frontline services, however it is likely that the winning party will be imposing restrictions that will certainly resemble cut backs in real terms.

However fire services are proving resilient and thinking of new and innovative ways to continue delivering an effective firefighting service to the communities they serve. This is particularly evident in this issue's guest column by Shropshire CFO, Paul Raymond, who explains how the Fire Service in Shropshire will be responding to the challenges ahead.

With all the talk of budget cuts let us not forget that firefighters have a difficult and often dangerous job to do on the ground as was highlighted recently when Southampton firefighters Alan Bannon and James Shears died while helping to evacuate the occupants of a high rise tower block. Sometimes firefighters are asked to take real risks with their own lives in order to save others.

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