

MK Fire Engine Reaches New Heights

Everyone loves a new fire engine and both Iain Stewart MP and I had the opportunity to see for ourselves the state of the art turntable ladder based at Broughton Fire Station.

The vehicle, which cost Â£570,000 is expected to be in service until 2030 and was secured in part by a successful funding bid from the Department for Communities and Local Government and from Buckinghamshire & Milton Keynes Fire Authority.ity to see for ourselves the state of the art turntable ladder based at Broughton Fire Station.

With features such as a 32 metre ladder, thermal imagery and a remote control function operated by means of a built-in camera system, enables firefighters to operate very quickly and safely, especially in confined surroundings.

Chief Fire Officer Jason Thelwell said: "This represents a significant investment in the safety of both the public and our fire crews by Buckinghamshire & Milton Keynes Fire Authority and the Government. It will make a major contribution to the safety of the communities we serve and protect for many years to come."

After the demonstration, I could see that this high specification piece of equipment will give a sense of assurance in our growing city and have the capacity to protect our community with a vehicle that is fit for purpose.