**Appendix A – Fire Conference programme**

**Tuesday 7 March**

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| 09.00 | Registration, refreshments and exhibition viewing |
| 10.30 | **Conference opening and chair’s welcome**  **Councillor Allison Ilderton-Thompson,** Mayor of Gateshead  Chair: **Councillor Jeremy Hilton,** Chair LGA Fire Services Management Committee and Gloucestershire County Council |
| 10.45 | **Keynote session 1. Ministerial address**  **Brandon Lewis MP**, Minister for Policing and Fire Service, Home Office  Chair: **Councillor Jeremy Hilton,** Chair LGA Fire Services Management Committee and Gloucestershire County Council  Questions and discussion |
| 11.25 | Refreshments and exhibition viewing |
| 11.55 | **Keynote session 2. Workforce Reform: NJC and the Thomas Review**  **Councillor Nick Chard**, Chair of the Employers’ Side of the National Joint Council for Local Authority Fire and Rescue Services and Kent and Medway Fire Authority  **Matt Wrack**, Secretary of the Employees’ Side of the National Joint Council for Local Authority Fire and Rescue Services and General Secretary of the Fire Brigades Union  Chair: **Councillor John Edwards**, LGA Fire Services Management Committee and Chair of West Midlands FRA  Questions and discussion |
| 12.45  To 1.50 | Lunch, exhibition viewing and networking |
| 1.15 -1.45 | **Lunchtime Fringe Sessions**  **Infographics** – Meeting Room 2 – lower ground floor  How to improve service delivery, save money and reduce risk using actionable dashboards and an integrated approach to fire and rescue systems  Russell Wood, Commercial Manager, Infographics UK Ltd. |
| 2.00 | **Workshops – session 1**  An opportunity to attend a workshop from the list below. These sessions will be repeated at 3.30 |
|  | **W1. the On-Call Firefighter for the 21st Century**  **Dr. Christoph Weltecke Vice-President, German Fire Services Association**  **Terry McDermott**, Chief Fire Officer, Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Service (confirmed)  Chair: **Councillor** **Simon Spencer**, Member LGA Fire Services Management Committee and Derbyshire Fire and Rescue Authority  **W2. Partnership working in health**  **Ged Devereux,** Health Improvement Manager PHE North West  **Ellie Houlston, NHS England**  Chair**: Councillor Darrell Pulk,** LGA Fire Services Management Committee and Chair of Nottingham and Nottinghamshire FRA  **W3. Emergency service collaboration**  **Steve Neill,** Chief Superintendent Operations Department, **Northumbria Police**  Chair**: Councillor Mark Healey**, LGA Fire Services Management Committee and Chair of Devon and Somerset FRA  **W4. Independent Standards Body**  **Mark Hardingham,** Chief Fire Officer Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service (confirmed)  **Representative from College of Policing**  Chair: **Councillor Rebecca Knox,** LGA Fire Services Management Committee and Chair of Dorset and Wiltshire FRA  **W5. LGA & CFOA Sector Led Improvement and Fire Peer Challenge**  **Cllr Kay Hammond,** Cabinet Associate, Community Safety  Services, Surrey County Council  **Gary Hughes,** Principal Adviser, LGA  **Chris Bowron,** Programme Manager, LG support, LGA  **Geoff Howsego,** CFOA Director, Corporate Services and Sector Improvement  Chair: **Councillor Thomas Wright,** LGA Fire Services Management Committee and Chair of Tyne and Wear FRA |
| 3.00 | Refreshments and exhibition viewing |
| 3.30 | **Workshops – session 2 repeated**  An opportunity to attend another workshop from the list above. |
| 4.35 | **Keynote session 3. Governance and devolution**  **Tony Lloyd**, Interim Mayor and Police and Crime Commissioner for Greater Manchester (by video link)  **Councillor Chris Carter**, Chair, Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority  **Roger Hirst**, Police and Crime Commissioner for Essex  Chair: **Cllr David Acton** Deputy Chair, LGA Fire Services Management  Committee and Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Authority |
| 5.20 | **Political group meetings**  Conservative Group Meeting - Meeting Room 1, lower ground floor  Labour Group Meeting – Meeting Room 6,7,8, lower ground floor  Liberal Democrat Meeting – Meeting Room 4, lower ground floor  Independent Group Meeting – Meeting Room 2, lower ground floor |
| 6.20 | **Fire authority meetings**  Metropolitan Fire and Rescue Authorieties – Meeting Room 1, lower ground floor  Combined Fire and Rescue Authorities - Meeting Room 2, lower ground floor  County Fire and Rescue Authorities - Meeting Room 6,7,8, lower ground floor |
| 7.30 | **Drinks reception - sponsored by PBI Products – Gateshead Foyer** |
| 8.00 | **Conference dinner – Gateshead Suite** |
| **Wednesday 8 March** | |
| 08.45 | Registration for new delegates, refreshments and exhibition viewing |
| 9.30 | **Welcome to day two from the conference chair**  **Keynote session 4 Presentation from the Gold Partner**  **Steve Hamm,** Chairman, Institute of Fire Engineers  **Chair: Councillor Jeremy Hilton**, Chair LGA Fire Services Management  Committee and Gloucestershire County Council |
| 09.50 | **Keynote session 4. Improving Equality, Diversity and Inclusion**  **Janet Hills,** President, National Black Police Association  **Dany Cotton**, Commissioner, London Fire Brigade and Chair Women in the Fire Service  **Kathryn Billing**, Station Manager, Cornwall Fire and Rescue Service and Secretary, Quiltbag  **Rebecca Bryant**, Chief Fire Officer, Staffordshire FRS  Chair: **Councillor Rebecca Knox**, Deputy Chair, LGA Fire Services Management Committee and Chair of Dorset and Wiltshire FRA  Questions and discussion |
| 10.50 | **Keynote session 5. Procurement**  **Ann Millington,** Chief Executive, Kent Fire and Rescue Service  Chair: **Councillor Phil Howson**, Vice Chair, LGA Fire Services Management Committee and Chair of East Sussex FRA  Questions and discussion |
| 11.15 | Refreshments and exhibition viewing |
| 11.45 | **Keynote session 6. Inspection**  **Chloe Dunnett,** Head of Fire Strategy and Reform Unit, Home Office  **Roy Wilsher,** CFOA Director, Operations and Chief Fire Officer, Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service, and Chair of the National Fire Chiefs Council  Chair: **Cllr Jeremy Hilton**, Chair, LGA Fire Services Management Committee and Gloucestershire County Council  Questions and discussion |
| 12.30 | Conference close, lunch, exhibition viewing and networking |
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