

Appendix A – Fire Conference programme

Tuesday 7 March

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 Authorities – 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**

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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
