

## **Nick Hurd MP - Minister of State for Policing and the Fire Service**

### **Purpose**

For discussion

### **Summary**

Nick Hurd MP, the Minister of State for Policing and the Fire Service will attend the Fire Commission meeting.

### **Recommendation**

The meeting will provide an opportunity for Fire Commission members to discuss the Minister's priorities for the fire reform programme going forward.

### **Action**

Officers to progress as directed.

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### **Background**

1. Following the General Election on 8 June, Nick Hurd was appointed Minister of State at the Home Office on 12 June 2017.

### **Biography**

2. Nick Hurd MP has been the member for Ruislip Northwood since 2005. He was appointed as the Minister of State for Policing and the Fire Service for the Home Office in 2017. Prior to this, he was the Minister of State for Climate Change and Industry from 2016 until 2017. He has previously been the Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for the Department for International Development and Parliamentary Secretary in the Cabinet Office. In 2007, he held the position of Opposition Whip.
3. He has been a member of the Environmental Audit Committee and the Petitions Committee, as well as the Joint Committee on the Draft Climate Change Bill in 2007. Mr Hurd established an early track record in the field of community activity. In 2006, he came top of the ballot for Private Members' Bills, and adopted a Bill drafted by community and environment groups to promote localism in decision-making and public spending. It became law as the Sustainable Communities Act in 2007.
4. In his non-parliamentary career, Mr Hurd has worked as a business director and banker.

### **Fire Reform Programme**

5. The previous Government set out their fire reform agenda under three key pillars:
  - 5.1. Accountability and transparency – including the introduction of a new inspectorate, the opportunity for Police and Crime Commissioners to take on the governance of the fire and rescue service, and further data transparency.
  - 5.2. Efficiency and Collaboration – including better and more joined up procurement and collaboration agreements between the emergency services.
  - 5.3. Workforce reform to – including a new standards body and an expectation of a more diverse firefighter workforce.

### **Implications for Wales**

6. Fire and rescue services and the promotion of fire safety is a devolved issue.

### **Financial Implications**

7. There are no financial implications from this report.

### **Next steps**

8. Members are asked to:
  - 8.1. Discuss the Minister's priorities for the fire reform programme.