

## Fire and Rescue Service Consultations

1. Communities and Local Government has recently published three major consultations affecting the future of the Fire and Rescue Service:
  - A Centre of Excellence for the Fire and Rescue Service;
  - Fire and Rescue Service National Framework 2008 -11; and
  - Fire and Rescue Service Equality and Diversity Strategy: 2010
2. The LGA wrote to FRA and RMB Chairs earlier this month to highlight both the publication of the consultations and the opportunity for initial discussions on the key issues at the Fire Services Forum on 30 November.
3. Senior officials from CLG will attend the Forum to provide an overview of the major points in each consultation and answer any queries from members. The Forum provides an early opportunity for members to explore the content of the consultations, seek clarification and raise queries, and provide initial feedback to CLG.
4. The discussions at the Forum will also inform the LGA responses to the consultations. As part of the process for formulating the LGA responses, FRAs will be asked to provide written comments to the LGA.
5. A summary of the key points contained in the three consultations is attached to help inform discussions.

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