

LGA Fire Services Forum The FiReControl Business Case

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Overview

- 1. What is the business case?**
- 2. The benefits of FiReControl**
- 3. Assumptions review and stakeholder involvement**
- 4. Publication plan**
- 5. Project update**

What is the business case?

A document which sets out the rationale for investing public money

Provides assurance that:

- FiReControl is a priority
- costs, benefits and risks are balanced
- procurements have been undertaken professionally
- the project is affordable and can be delivered
- follows best practice

Constantly evolving

- Specific versions produced to support reviews and key decision points

Resilience/Functionality benefits

Benefits: National resilience

- through linked resilient network: no single point of failure

Benefits: Members of the Public

- automatic caller location identification
- quickest attendance with the most appropriate equipment and skills

Benefits: Firefighters

- mobile data terminals (autodata, chemdata, hydrant data)
- up to date information transmitted directly to the vehicle

Benefits: Control Room Staff

- up to date mobilising technology
- consistent information across the system
- nearest appropriate resource responding to emergency incidents – automatic vehicle location

What is different from the last version of the Business Case

	Draft V0.3 Oct 06	FBC V1.0 June 07	FBC V1.1 June 08
IT Contract award	x	✓	✓
FM contract award + London accommodation	x	x	✓
Assumptions reviewed	✓	x	✓
Current costs captured	x	✓ ?	✓
Regional view	x	x	✓

FRA and FRS feedback taken into account

Stakeholder involvement

Business Case Assumption Review Group

- Reviewing assumptions underpinning the Business Case
- Input from FRSs, principal officers, FRAs; treasurers, lawyers and HR specialists from across England
- Chaired by Cllr. Jerry Willmott, and involving LGA, HRWG, FWG, SOG

Cost Verification

- Independent accountants have worked with all 45 FRAs including LFEPA to verify existing control room running costs
- An intensive and robust review process

Regional Annexes

- Regional overview
- Benefits:
 - Increased resilience
 - Enhanced capability
 - Providing an efficient service
- Implementation Costs/Funding
- Ongoing Costs/Savings
- Transition and Cutover
- INDICATIVE Staff numbers from CLG model

Finance

Transitional Costs

- £20million paid to FRAs to support FiReControl implementation
- A further £58m already allocated to enable FRSs to carry out further work over the next three years
- National Business Case will set out national costs and savings
- Regional annexes will set out financial information for each region
- Key information on the regional 'perspectives': costs/savings analysis and resilience benefits

Publication

When will the detailed information be available?

- Publication in early July

How can I access the business case?

- Business Case will be available on the FiReControl website:
<http://www.communities.gov.uk/fire/resilienceresponse/firecontrol>
- We will contact you via this group when it is published

How can I feedback or ask questions?

- CLG welcomes feedback by the end of September

Wider project progress

Technology

- contract signed with technology delivery partner EADS in March 2007

Buildings

- 5 RCC buildings complete
- 3 on track for completion this year
- London due 2010

Companies

- 7 out of 8 Companies set up and starting to make key decisions
- 7 RCC Directors appointed

Staffing

- guidance has been provided to LACCs
- consultation with representative bodies
- LACC making decisions on staffing

Next steps for FiReControl

- Communities and Local Government is working with EADS to develop the system – Critical Design Review October 2008
- main system build scheduled for August 2009
- cut over to first RCC scheduled for October 2009

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Any Questions...?