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***Freedom to Lead, Trust to Deliver* consultation**

Summary

Freedom to Lead, Trust to Deliver, sets out the LGA Group's latest consultation on proposals for what a new accountability framework for localities might look like, and covers the role of national targets, the case for stability and certainty about resources, the agreement of priorities for place, the nature and role of inspection and arrangements for supporting improvement.

The LGA Group proposals are framed as an 'offer' to government, setting out what local government can do locally to lead a collective effort to improve the quality of life for local people and to make public money go further. At the same time we set out what needs to change to enable this to happen, and this is our 'ask'. The deadline for response to the consultation is 10 March 2010.

The Fire Services Management Committee response to the initial *Freedom to Lead: consultation* is **attached** as **Appendix A**, with the *Freedom to Lead, Trust to Deliver* consultation also **attached**.

Recommendations

Members are asked to note the report and use its contents to inform discussion of this item.

Action

Officers to take forward any recommended actions.

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