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Dear Vij,

CFOA MEETING REQUEST - PRIMARY AUTHORITY PARTNERSHIP PILOTS

Thank you for your letter of 14 June updating me on CFOA's position on the Fire Authority Partnership Scheme.

I am pleased to hear from my officials that that the pilot process – both the Primary Authority Scheme and Fire Authority Partnership Scheme - has been constructive, and that many of the key concerns that were raised when the PAS concept was being developed and implemented, have been satisfactorily resolved in relation to fire safety. Although no decisions have yet been made on the future Government approach, I welcome the fact that the BRDO will be consulting the fire sector on its proposed revised statutory guidance to the PA Scheme.

I would be pleased to have an opportunity to hear about CFOA's experience of developing and implementing the FAPS. I note that you have broad support from Chief Fire Officers for the scheme, and that this is likely to be the majority preference for the future. Of course, given the strong support that the LGA offered on the development of a voluntary scheme when we met to discuss it last year, I would also be interested to hear their views.

I understand that the independent evaluation of the pilot process is due to report later in July, and that the final report will be considered by the Steering Group on 25 July. I therefore suggest that you contact my diary manager, Roberto Singcuenco (0303 444 3425), to arrange a mutually convenient date which follows on from the publication of the evaluation report.

I am copying this letter for information to Cllr Hammond at the Local Government Association.

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