



# Comprehensive Area Assessment for the Fire & Rescue Service

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# Outline

- **What is CAA?**
- **CAA & the fire service**



# What is Comprehensive Area Assessment

- About places and people
- Snapshot of life in local areas each year
- Catalyst for improving quality of life & local services
- Independent view on VfM from local services
- Co-ordinate & rationalise inspection



## What is Comprehensive Area Assessment

- **Outcomes delivered by the council working alone or in partnership**
- **Includes broader community safety & cohesion outcomes**
- **Service-specific performance frameworks will fit with CAA not duplicate**



# Key components

## For areas

- Joint area assessment
- Performance against indicators

## For individual organisations

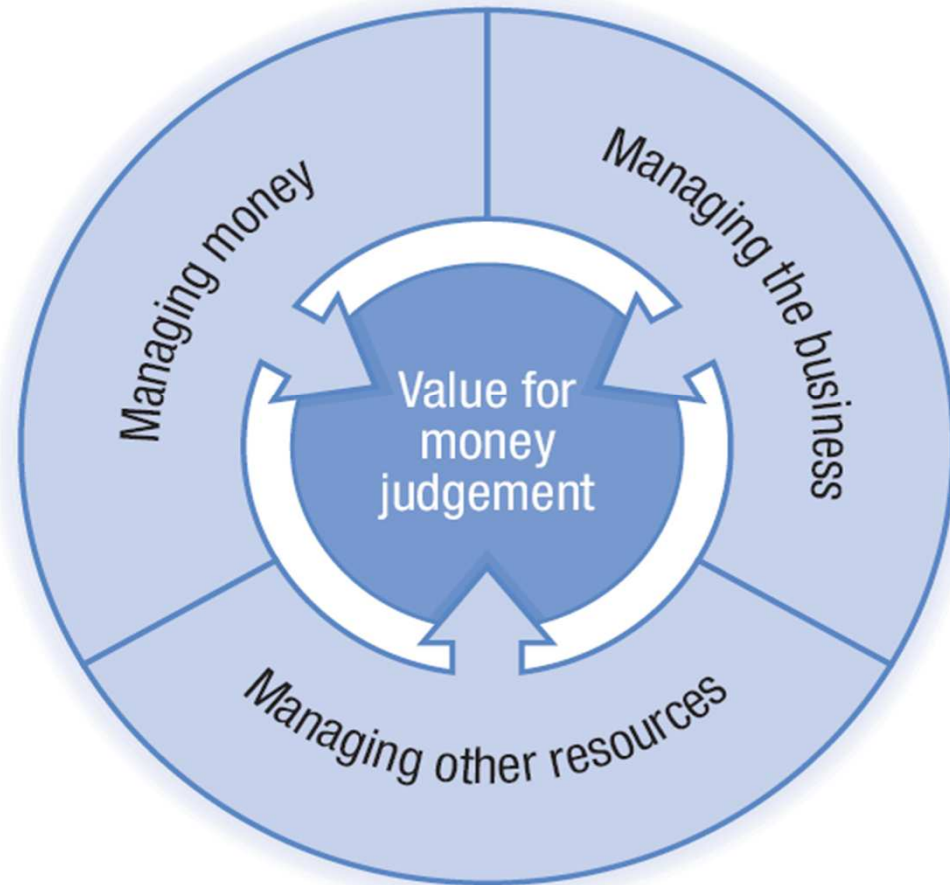
- *Annual UoR assessment*
- *Direction of travel*
- A single judgement?

There will be further consultation





# VfM in the use of resources





# Partnership delivery



**Promising communities**



**Healthier communities**



**Sustainable & prosperous communities**



**Safer & stronger communities**

**Local Area Agreement**

## A reminder of the key differences from now

- outcome focused
- more forward-looking
- greater attention to local priorities
- joint assessment, not an assembly of separate assessments
- joint planning and targeting of inspection e.g. in the fire sector this means close liaison with CFRAU, HSE, CLG etc







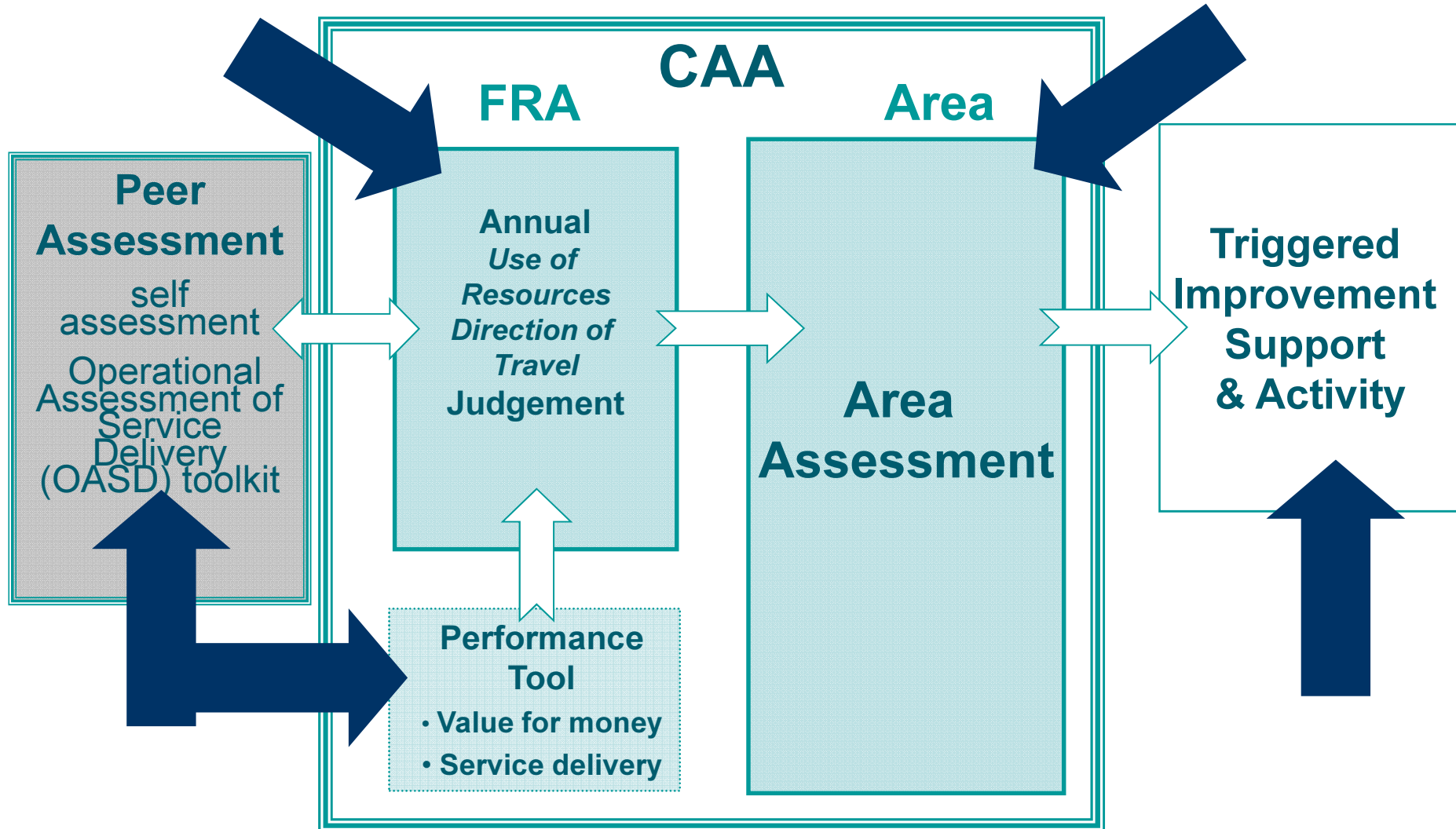
# CAA and the Fire Service



# Consultation responses

- **Strong support for overall objectives**
- **Should not be more burdensome**
  - Must not be too complex
  - Everything, everywhere, every year?
- **Not clear enough on area**
- **Partnership & accountability**
- **Specific role of fire service in delivering partnership outcomes**
- **Clarity on fire assessment element**

# Model for fire assessment



# Fire service outcomes

- **Main fire indicators (NI 49 & NI 33)**
- **Anti social behaviour**
- **Young offenders**
- **Road traffic collisions**
- **Decent homes**
- **Improved environment**
- **Adapting to climate change**





# Fire service influence

- Overall satisfaction with area
- Volunteering
- Wider community safety agenda
- Child obesity
- Exclusions
- Skills gaps and worklessness





# Delivery

- **CAA Leads**
- **Regional professional support**
- **Fire service peers**
- **Engagement with other regulators**



# Key issues

- **Dovetailed framework**
- **Risk based and proportionate**
- **Capture of broader outcomes**
- **Use & quality of data**
- **Geographic and LSP alignment**
- **Relationships with regional bodies and central government**





# Next steps

- Immediate** Continuing work with sector on methodology development
- June 2008** New-style LAAs agreed
- Summer 2008** Further joint consultation on CAA
- Summer 2008** 2nd round of action learning pilots
- Early 2009** CAA framework published
- Oct 2009** First round of CAA reporting