

Work Programme of the Fire Services Management Committee

Decisions

1. *Are members content that the work programme set out below reflects their view of the issues on which the LGA should focus over the next 11 months?*

Actions Required

2. *If agreed, this programme will form the basis of action for members, officers and advisers over the coming months.*

Action by: *Fire Services Management Committee, LGA officers, LGA advisers*

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Summary

1. *This paper sets out a programme of work for the Fire Services Management Committee over the next 11 months. In doing so, it:*
 - *attaches a broad priority to each topic as a basis for allocating the Committee's time;*
 - *proposes LGA objectives for each issue.*

Work Programme

2. *Whilst recognising that events will inevitably introduce new issues and raise others up the agenda, we propose the following broad prioritisation of topics as the basis for allocating the Committee's time.*

First order topics

3. *Broadly speaking, these are areas of work with the potential to have a major impact across the fire and rescue service and where the LGA as the representative body of fire and rescue authorities must make a proactive contribution to the policy agenda. These are also areas of work where there is a strong driver for progress over the coming year.*
 - *Comprehensive Spending Review settlement*
 - *Comprehensive Area Assessment for fire and rescue authorities*
 - *Local Area Agreements and partnership working*
 - *Equality and diversity including the development of graduate scheme for the fire and rescue service*
 - *National Functions – including future funding for Firebuy and Fire Gateway*
 - *Regional Fire Control Centres Project (FIReControl – including inter-dependencies with the Firelink project)*
 - *New Dimension – long term capability management*
 - *Pensions and ill health retirements*

Second order topics

4. *These are areas of work with the potential to have a major impact on a particular element of the fire and rescue service, and where there is a strong driver for progress over the coming year; or where there is potential to have a major impact across the fire and rescue service, but where the driver for progress over the coming year is unclear.*
 - *Co-responding*
 - *Contingency planning and project Fireguard*
 - *IRMP guidance development*

5. *A table setting out a brief description, LGA objectives and proposed next actions for each of these issues will be presented at the FSMC meeting.*

Links with the Safer Communities Board

6. *In 2007-08 a task group was established, under the Safer Communities Board to look at issues around fire suppression and sustainable buildings. This task group has now completed its work. Members are asked to give consideration to possible work streams that could provide closer links with the Safer Communities Board.*

FSMC meetings

7. *The core business of FSMC meetings will be making decisions on these strategic issues. In addition to these strategic issues, meetings will consider the following standing items:*
 - *A general update on current issues which do not require a decision;*
 - *CLG update, provided by a CLG official;*
 - *NJC – update and forward planning; and*
 - *Notes of the previous meeting.*
8. *In order to ensure meetings are focused, members are requested to submit any suggested agenda items to Clive Harris, Business Manager for consideration four weeks before a meeting.*

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