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## FiReControl Update from Communities and Local Government

### Summary

*This report updates the committee on the significant developments on FiReControl since the last update in July 2008.*

### Recommendations

*None.*

### Action

*None.*

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## **FiReControl Update from Communities and Local Government**

### **Recent Developments**

1. *The Committee last received an update on FiReControl in July 2008. Since then there have been a number of developments, most notably:*

- *Eight out of nine Regional Control Centre buildings have now been built with the final building, London, on track for March 2010*
- *Fit out of the Control Room area in the RCCs has begun in the first three RCCs (South West, East Midlands, North East). This includes installation of the large screens and the furniture for operator positions*
- *The Facilities Management contract for the RCC buildings has been signed with Flagship with all the RCCs receiving full FM services*
- *All eight required Regional Control Centre Directors, the 'chief executives' responsible for the day-to-day running of the RCC, have now been appointed*
- *Seven out of eight Local Authority Controlled Companies, who will be responsible for the RCCs in the future, are now set up, with the final company in Yorkshire and the Humber due to be set up shortly*
- *Two key deliverables – Early Station End Equipment and a Data Capture and Migration Toolkit – have now passed User Assurance Testing and will be rolled out to the Fire and Rescue Service shortly*

### **New Minister for the Fire and Rescue Service**

2. *As the Committee will be aware Sadiq Khan MP (Tooting) has been appointed as the new Minister for the Fire and Rescue Service.*

3. *At Communities and Local Government there have been some significant official-level appointments: Shona Dunn is the permanent Director for the Fire and Resilience Directorate and becomes the Senior Responsible Officer for the FiReControl project.*

4. *Roger Hargreaves has joined the project as FiReControl Project Director working alongside Richard How, current Project Director, until Richard retires early next year.*

### **Key Issues**

5. *There has been some significant progress made but there remains much to do to implement the FiReControl project effectively. There are two issues in particular of which the Committee will want to be aware:*

## **FiReControl Implementation Timetable**

*6. Due to proposed changes to the hardware solution and issues regarding access to the Airwave infrastructure for testing, it is likely that some rescheduling of the project may be required. The implications of this are currently being considered and if timescales do need to change an announcement will be made in due course.*

## **FiReControl Business Case**

*7. The committee will recall that at the time of the last meeting we had just published Part 1 of the Business Case: The Regional Case on which we asked for feedback by 30 September 2008. We have now received some feedback, are analysing the responses and intend to publish a formal response when the issues have been considered in full.*

*Part 2: The National Case will be published later this year.*

## **Financial Implications**

*There are no unbudgeted implications arising from this report.*

## **Implications for Wales**

*None.*

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