

TOPIC	LGA OBJECTIVES	ACTIVITY
Spending Review settlement	Although the precise terms of the spending review, and years it will cover, have yet to be announced we are continuing to gather evidence to ensure a compelling case in the form of an evidence based submission.	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. LGA led officer level expenditure group to continue to meet to produce the overall submission. 2. Gather powerful and irrefutable evidence that funds are being used effectively in the service, and that spare capacity has been, or is being, removed. 3. Gather examples of where the fire service is contributing to local partnerships, especially through LAAs, to make the case that the service adds value.
Recession	To ensure that the fire and rescue service is well equipped to face the recession	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Gather examples of where the fire service is showing innovation and increasing efficiency for a publication to be launched at the Fire Conference in March 2010
Sector-led improvement	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Ensure that future inspection is proportionate to FRAs' performance; b) Disseminate good practice and support continuous improvement in FRAs; c) Reduce the need for central government intervention 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. LGA to lead development of proposals for sector led improvement in the fire sector, working closely with IDeA, the RIEPs and CFOA. 2. Idea and CFOA to lead the operational assessment programme 3. LGA to work with FRAs, the wider local government sector and the Audit Commission to communicate the wider contribution that FRAs can play in achieving a broad range of local partnership priorities in LAAs 4. IDeA to develop and offer improvement produces, such as the Leadership Academy, to FRA members
Equality and diversity	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Provide high level political leadership and demonstrate commitment to this issue at a national level; b) To ensure that the fire 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Support FRAs to implement the Equality and Diversity Strategy. 2. LGA to support roll out of graduate/high potential development scheme for the fire and rescue service. 3. LGA to support FRA equality and diversity member champion through network meetings, online presence

	and rescue service is well equipped to meet the diverse needs of the communities it serves and reflect that community in its workforce	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. LGA to continue to jointly sponsor the Equality and Diversity Awards, including awards ceremony at March 2010 Fire Conference. 5. LGA to publish a 'One year on' report and myth busting leaflet in January 2010 6. LGA to carry out research and identify good practice in securing the best candidates in top appointments to be launched at the Fire Conference in March 2010
National Functions – including future funding for Firebuy	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) To ensure that national procurement arrangements provide cost effective solutions that meets the varying needs of FRAs. b) To ensure that governance arrangements for national functions recognise the leading role of FRAs and demonstrate accountability c) To ensure that funding arrangements for national functions are fair, equitable, and offer value for money for fire authorities 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. LGA to develop preferred governance model for national functions 2. LGA to participate in review of Fire Service College 3. LGA to work with CLG and others to determine long term funding arrangements for Firebuy 4. LGA to respond to CLG consultations on In Service Management and the National Procurement Strategy
Fire Control – LGA currently supports implementation of an agreed, affordable and effective project.	<p>LGA objectives are to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Continue to offer public support to the implementation of Regional Control Centres 2. Engage with CLG to ensure FRAS are properly 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. FSMC lead Fire Control Member to continue to attend the Fire Control Project Board, Sounding Board and HR Working Group. 2. Officers to attend the Finance and Legal Working Groups and to chair the Fire Control Sounding Board.

	<p>resourced to deliver the project</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Increase confidence of FRAs in the programme timetable 4. Offer robust challenge when necessary 5. urge CLG to build business continuity into the programme 6. Afford effective oversight of the programme on behalf of FRAs 7. Promote good industrial relations 8. Support the first tranche of cutover FRAs 	
Contingency planning	Support FRAs in putting in place effective plans to provide service continuity in extreme circumstances, such as a flu pandemic	LGA to liaise with CFOA and CLG and report back to FSMC and Fire Forum as necessary.
Co-responding	Support the implementation of co-responding schemes across the FRS	1. To continue to lobby CLG and the Department of Health on firefighters administering basic first aid to any victims prior to the arrival of ambulance staff
Fire Gateway	Ensure there is an orderly closure of the Gateway and that there are alternatives in place for FRSs that have been negatively affected by the	1. LGA to continue to chair meetings of Fire Gateway Steering Group as necessary

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IRMP guidance development	Ensure that any new guidance on IRMPs meets the needs of fire and rescue authorities and avoids national prescription	1. Officers to attend meetings of IRMP steering group and sub-groups, and report back to FSMC as necessary. Revised guidance due to be published in the autumn.