

Appointments to the Fire and Rescue Strategic Resilience Board

Purpose of report

For discussion and direction.

Summary

DCLG is establishing a Fire and Rescue Strategic Resilience Board. This paper considers LGA's membership of the Board.

Recommendation

Members are asked to consider and agree the FSMC appointments to the Fire and Rescue Strategic Resilience Board.

Action

Officers to take forward actions.

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Background

1. As set out in the draft National Framework, the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) is to establish a Fire and Rescue Strategic Resilience Board.
2. The terms of reference for the Board are attached as **Appendix A**. In short, its role will be to take a strategic view of fire and rescue capability in relation to national resilience, and to provide advice to ministers as and when required.
3. The Fire and Rescue Strategic Resilience Board will be chaired by the Director of Fire, Resilience and Emergencies in DCLG and Members of the Board will nominate a Vice Chair. The Secretariat will be provided by the Department for Communities and Local Government.
4. The first meeting is scheduled for 10.30am-12.30pm on Thursday 31 May in Eland House.

LGA membership of the Strategic Resilience Board

5. The LGA has secured two positions on the Board to be filled by members of the Fire Service Management Committee. Members will be supported at these meetings by the LGA's strategic advisers or LGA officers depending on the agenda.
6. The process for making appointments to outside bodies has previously been circulated to FSMC members in support of annual process that took place in September 2011. Although the appointment to the Fire Service Strategic Resilience Board is taking place within year, the guidance is re-attached here for reference as **Appendix B**.
7. In previous discussions on this issue, Members indicated that it would make sense for FSMC's representative on the National Resilience Board (currently Cllr Jeremy Hilton, Lib Dem) to take up one of the positions on the Fire and Rescue Service Strategic Resilience Board.
8. Members are asked to consider and agree two appointments to the Fire and Rescue Strategic Resilience Board.