

## **LGA Member Arrangements for Fire and Rescue Services**

### **Decisions**

1. *The Board is invited to note the decision of the LGA Executive and submit its views in relation to the new Member arrangements*

### **Actions Required**

2. *Any actions determined by the Board.*

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### Summary

1. *This report explains proposed changes to Member arrangements for fire and rescue services at the LGA.*

### Background

2. *The background and detail of proposed changes are set out in the **attached** report (appendix 1), which was submitted to the LGA Executive at its meeting on 10 March 2005. The LGA Executive discussed the proposals and agreed:*
  - (i) *the principle of the revised Member arrangements for issues relating to the fire and rescue service;*
  - (ii) *that the new arrangements be introduced as soon as practicable;*
  - (iii) *that the Membership of the Fire Services Forum be open to all Members of fire authorities;*
  - (iv) *that the request for the establishment of a Special Interest Group for Combined Fire Authorities be deferred for one year in order to assess the success of the new arrangements; and*
  - (v) *that detailed proposals for implementation of the new arrangements be circulated in due course for further consideration.*
3. *The Board is invited to note the decision of the LGA Executive and submit its views in relation to the new Member arrangements. Details of the implementation of these arrangements will be submitted to the Board in due course.*

### Fire Modernisation Task Group

4. *For the information of the Board, **attached** as appendix 2 is a brief explanation of the role, objectives and current work of the LGA Fire Modernisation Task Group. This body will have a central role in the new Member arrangements for fire services.*

### Implications for Wales

5. *Since the Fire Service Act 2004, service policy has devolved to the Welsh Assembly. LGA officers have consulted WLGA officers on aligning policy advice and member arrangements.*

### Financial/Resource Implications

6. *Officer support arrangements must be reviewed in the light of decisions made on any new member arrangements.*