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|  | **Appendix A****Programme** **Annual fire conference and exhibition**  **7 – 8 March 2017**  **Hilton Hotel, Newcastle Gateshead** |

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| 09.00 | Registration, refreshments and exhibition viewing |
| 10.30 | **Conference opening and chair’s welcome**  **Councillor Allison Ilderton-Thompson,** Mayor of Gateshead (invited)  **Chair: Councillor Jeremy Hilton,** Chair LGA Fire Services Management Committee and Gloucestershire County Council |
| 10.45 | **Keynote session 1. Ministerial address**  **Brandon Lewis MP**, Minister for Policing and Fire Service, Home Office (confirmed)  **Chair**: **Councillor Jeremy Hilton**  Questions and discussion |
| 11.25 | Refreshments and exhibition viewing |
| 11.55 | **Keynote session 2. Workforce Reform: NJC and Thomas Review**  **Councillor Nick Chard**, Chair of the Employers’ Side of the National Joint Council for Local Authority Fire and Rescue Services and Kent and Medway Fire Authority (confirmed)  **Matt Wrack**, Secretary of the Employees’ Side of the National Joint Council for Local Authority Fire and Rescue Services and General Secretary of the Fire Brigades Union (confirmed)  **Chair: Cllr John Edwards**, LGA Fire Services Management Committee and Chair West Midlands FRA  Questions and discussion |
| 12.45  To 1.50 | Lunch, exhibition viewing and networking  Lunchtime fringes |
| 2.00 | **Workshops – session 1**  An opportunity to attend a workshop from the list below. These sessions will be repeated at 3.30 |
|  | **W1. Retained Duty System**  **Terry McDermott**, Chief Fire Officer, Derbyshire FRS (confirmed)  **German fire fighters Association** (speaker tbc)  **Chair**: **Cllr** **Simon Spencer**, LGA Fire Services Management Committee and Derbyshire FRA  **W2. Partnership working in health**  **Ged Devereux,** Health Improvement Manager PHE North West (confirmed)  **Ellie Houlston, Public Health Specialty Registrar** NHS England(confirmed)  **Chair: Cllr Rebecca Knox**, Deputy Chair, LGA Fire Services Management Committee and Chair of Dorset and Wiltshire FRA  **W3. Emergency service collaboration**  **Deputy Chief Constable Frost,** Northamptonshire Police and NPCC portfolio lead for police and fire collaboration (invited)  **Association of Ambulance Chief Executives** (invited)  **Chair: Cllr Mark Healey**, LGA Fire Services Management Committee and Cahir of Devon and Somerset FRA  **W4. Independent Standards Body**  **Mark Hardingham,** Chief Fire Officer Suffolk FRS(confirmed)  **College of Policing** (confirmed, speaker tbc)  **Chair: Cllr Darrell Pulk,** LGA Fire Services Management Committee and Chair of Nottinghamshire FRA  **W5. Fire Peer Challenge**  **CFOA** (invited)  **Gary Hughes** (confirmed)  **Chris Bowron** (confirmed)  **Cllr Kay Hammond** (confirmed)  **Chair: Cllr Thomas Wright,** LGA Fire Services Management Committee and Chair of Tyne and Wear FRA |
| 3.00 | Refreshments and exhibition viewing |
| 3.30 | **Workshops – session 2 repeated**  An opportunity to attend another workshop from the list above. |
| 4.35 | **Keynote session 3. Governance and devolution**  **Tony Lloyd**, Interim Mayor and Police and Crime Commissioner for Greater Manchester (invited)  **Councillor Chris Carter**, Chair of Hampshire FRA(confirmed)  **Clive Grunshaw,** PCC for Lancashire and Association of Police and Crime Commissioners Lead on Policing Governance & Devolution (invited)  **Chair**: **Cllr David Acton**, Deputy Chair, LGA Fire Services Management Committee and Chair of Greater Manchester FRA |
| 5.20 | **Political group meetings** |
| 6.20 | **Fire authority meetings** |
| 7.30 | Drinks reception |
| 8.00 | Conference dinner |
| **Wednesday 8** | |
| 08.30 | Registration for new delegates, refreshments and exhibition viewing |
| 9.10 | **Welcome to day two from the conference chair** |
| 9.15 | **Carolyn Harris MP**, Labour Shadow Fire Minister (invited)  **Chair: Cllr David Acton,** Deputy Chair, LGA Fire Services Management Committee and Chair of Greater Manchester FRA |
| 09.45 | **Keynote session 4. Improving Equality, Diversity and Inclusion**  **National Black Police Association** (invited)  **Rebecca Bryant**, Chief Fire Officer, Staffordshire FRS (confirmed)  **Dany Cotton**, Interim Fire Commissioner, London Fire Brigade (confirmed)  **Josh Willacy, Stonewall** (invited)  **Chair: Cllr Rebecca Knox**, Deputy Chair, LGA Fire Services Management Committee and Chair of Dorset and Wiltshire FRA  Questions and discussion |
| 10.30 | Refreshments and exhibition viewing |
| 10.50 | **Keynote session 5. Procurement**  **Ann Millington,** Chief Executive, Kent Fire and Rescue Services (confirmed)  **Procurement Category Lead** (invited)  **Chair**: **Cllr Phil Howson,** Vice Chair, LGA Fire Services Management Committee and Chair of East Sussex FRA  Questions and discussion |
| 11.35 | Refreshments and exhibition viewing |
| 11.50 | **Keynote session 6. Inspection for the fire and rescue service**  **The inspectorate**  **Daniel Greaves,** Fire and Resillience Director, Home Office (confirmed)  **Roy Wilsher,** CFOA Director, Operations and Chief Fire Officer, Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Service, and Chair of the National Fire Chiefs Council (confirmed)  **Chair**: **Cllr Jeremy Hilton**, Chair, LGA Fire Services Management Committee and Gloucestershire County Council  Questions and discussion |
| 12.35 | Conference close, lunch, exhibition viewing and networking  **Chair:** **Cllr Jeremy Hilton**, Chair, LGA Fire Services Management Committee and Gloucestershire County Council |
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