

Title of Paper	Fire Standards Update
Decision or Information	For information
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Fire Standards Board Purpose

The Fire Standards Board (FSB or Board) was established in 2019 as part of the Government Fire Reform agenda alongside the inspection arrangements in England through HMICFRS.

The Board is intent on ensuring that Fire Standards are focused on achieving positive outcomes, consistently applied nationally being underpinned by national guidance, tools and supporting information. The suite of Fire Standards will establish “what good looks like” and will become part of the inspectorate body for England’s (HMICFRS) inspection framework.

The LGA are represented on the Board by Cllr Nick Chard, and they also represented on the NFCC Strategic Engagement Forum by Cllr Cleo Lake and Gill Gittins.

Summary

This paper directs members to the [FSB Spring Newsletter](#) (**Appendix A**) for further reading about the work of the Board to date.

Progress Headlines

The key headlines are:

- The methodology for Fire Standards development and the structure they will follow are agreed
- A pilot process has been completed to test what was agreed in principle and lessons from that will inform future Fire Standards development
- An activity framework has been established to capture all the activities a fire and rescue service (irrespective of Governance model, size or location) undertake and will help the Board define the areas appropriate for Fire Standards
- The first phase of Fire Standards for development has been agreed and will include:
 - Operational response covered by three Fire Standards
 - Operational preparedness
 - Operational competence
 - Operational learning

- People and Workforce with Fire Standards proposed to cover the following activity areas:
 - Ethics, behaviours, and values
 - Leadership
 - Selection and recruitment, including fitness standards
 - Promotion and succession planning
- Community Risk with proposed Fire Standards covering the following activity areas:
 - Risk Management Planning
- Protection roles and competence
- Prevention interventions
- Fire and rescue service data requirements and management

All Fire Standards will be shared with services and relevant groups of stakeholders in the peer review stage of development and once the draft Fire Standards is agreed upon, a full open consultation will follow for each Fire Standard.

The Board will notify all stakeholders of consultations and instructions on how to respond will be on the [Fire Standards Board website](#).