

## **Safer and Stronger Communities Board – Report from Cllr Nesil Caliskan (Chair)**

### *Taxi Licensing*

1. Cllr Caliskan and the other Safer and Stronger Communities Board lead members are writing to all licensing authorities to raise awareness of the National Register of Licence Revocations and Refusals (NR3) and to encourage authorities to use the database.
2. The letter encourages authorities to comply with the Department for Transport's statutory standards, published in June 2020, which set out an expectation that the NR3 should be used by licensing authorities. It also highlights that legislation may pass in this Parliament which would make the use of NR3 mandatory and urges authorities to demonstrate best practice in anticipation of this.

### *Police and Crime Commissioner (Part 2) Review*

3. Cllr Caliskan and Cllr Mohan Iyengar both gave evidence to the Home Office's Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) Part 2 Review. LGA officers also submitted a formal response on behalf of local government.
4. The purpose of the two-part review is to consider how the role of police and crime commissioners (PCCs), can be sharpened and expanded. The review applies to all PCCs, including police and fire commissioners (PFCCs) and mayors exercising PCC functions. Part 2 will focus on ensuring PCCs have the tools and levers they need to better equip them to fight crime and on scrutiny of the PCC model.

### *Domestic Abuse Perpetrators Group Meeting*

5. Our Safer and Stronger Communities Board Domestic Abuse Champion Cllr Lois Samuel attended the first strategic group meeting, held by the Domestic Abuse Commissioner Nicole Jacobs, on tackling domestic abuse perpetrators. The purpose of the group is to convene key stakeholders, charities and organisations to help share best practice on tackling perpetrators and lobby the Government ahead of the forthcoming Domestic Abuse Strategy.
6. Cllr Lois Samuel will also be chairing an LGA webinar on tackling domestic abuse perpetrators, with approximately 400 delegates registered to attend. The Domestic Abuse Commissioner will be speaking, alongside domestic abuse organisations Safe Lives, Respect, the Domestic Abuse Housing Alliance, Standing Together and also local government speakers.

### *LGA Improvement – Fire and Rescue Authority members*

7. The LGA has now delivered two Governance and Leadership workshops for FRA members, held on 7 September and 12 October 2021. In the virtual workshops, experienced facilitators delivered a range of interactive learning and development activities focusing on key issues

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and best practice related to fire governance and leadership. These workshops aim to strengthen knowledge and understanding of various leadership approaches, including a focus on the practical scrutiny skills required to support effective executive decision-making. The LGA will be hosting one more virtual workshop on 9 November (9.30am-1.30pm). It is free to attend, and all FRA Members are encouraged to participate.

8. Also, in September, the LGA held its bi-annual Fire Leadership course virtually via Zoom. Over three days (14-16 September), FRA members heard from various speakers covering topics that aim to inform and support their statutory responsibilities, including: HMICFRS Inspections, Government's fire reform programme, building safety, diversity and inclusion, and fire governance and leadership.

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