

## **Fire Services Management Committee Update Paper**

### **Purpose of report**

For information.

### **Summary**

The report outlines issues of interest to the Fire Services Management Committee not covered under other items on the agenda.

### **Recommendation**

That members of the Committee note the report.

### **Actions**

Officers to continue to provide updates to members.

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### **Fit for the Future workshops**

1. The LGA, NFCC and National Employers (England) held three workshops in February to input into the reshaping of Fit for the Future, following the strategic workshops we held in November. The workshops were themed, with one on service delivery, another on people and culture and a final one on national support tools. A further report on the next steps on Fit for the Future is available in Item 5.

### **Police and Crime Commissioner Review – Written Ministerial Statement**

2. On 7 March the Home Secretary released a [Written Statement on Part 2 of the \[Police and Crime Commissioner Review\]](#). The Written Statement included a number of announcements around the role of PCCs, including cementing their role in offender management, improving the way PCCs work with partners to fight crime and support victims, improving PCCs access to criminal justice data as well as looking at the complaints process and activities around improving public confidence in policing.
3. They also made announcements regarding the role of Police and Crime Panels and their role as “critical friends”, improving the recruitment and retention of independent members, as well as looking at whether a regional model could improve the professionalism, quality and consistency of the support provided to panels.
4. The Government has also now confirmed that a consultation on giving PCCs a wider functional power of competence found broad support for the move to give them parity with Fire and Rescue Authorities. They will also be consulting on changes to the Policing Protocol Order. The Policing Protocol Order sets out the roles and responsibilities of bodies and organisations involved in policing, such as PCCs themselves, Police and Crime Panels and Chief Constables.

### **HMICFRS Inspections**

5. The findings of the [HMICFRS inspection of Warwickshire Fire & Rescue Service](#) were published on 12 January 2022. The publication of this report had been postponed due to the sad death of Warwickshire’s former CFO, Kieran Amos, in November 2021. All reports from the first tranche of HMICFRS inspections have now been published.

### **Outside bodies update**

6. [HMICFRS External Reference Group \(ERG\)](#): The ERG met on 10 January 2022 to discuss the recent publication of State of Fire and the inspectorate’s findings as well as ongoing monitoring for causes of concern.

- 7 The Strategic Resilience Board met on 25 January discussing industrial action and national resilience issues.

#### **Latest Fire Statistics**

- 8 In the year ending September 2021:
- 537,039 incidents were attended by FRSs, this was virtually no change compared with the previous year (539,418), a two per cent decrease compared with five years ago (549,637) and a 14 per cent decrease compared with ten years ago (623,107).
  - of all incidents attended by FRSs, fires accounted for 27 per cent, fire false alarms 41 per cent and non-fire incidents 32 per cent, compared with fires accounting for 36 per cent, fire false alarms 42 per cent and non-fire incidents 23 per cent ten years ago.