

Fire Services Management Board

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## Briefing Note

### Background

Following on from our previous briefing circulated after your last meeting, this note focuses on key issues that will be of interest to elected members. Nick Collins, Programme Director will attend your meeting to answer your questions.

### The product

The guidance will provide a solid basis on which your officers will develop their own policies and procedures. These underpin their approach to health and safety – both of your own employees but also the safety of the public at large. Our staff are currently talking to your officers about the product we are producing and how that is integrated into local practice – but it is a slow process and we need member interest (and scrutiny) to speed this up.

### The process

We believe the process by which we have developed the new suite of guidance is one that can be replicated. It can be used to embrace other areas beyond those operational functions set out in our original scope. We are looking at a wider view of the service, which includes the full spectrum of prevention activity and those regulatory activities under the Fire Safety Order. These are ripe for national approaches.

We have no remit or resource post March 2018. This is the time to discuss the way forward and the scope; we value your thoughts on the direction of travel.

### Recommendation

1. To discuss with your senior officers how the outputs from the programme can best be embedded in your own authority.
2. To consider how the process for operational guidance may apply equally to other functions to achieve effective and efficient national processes to deliver against local risks.

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