

Decision Record – Response to Government consultation on the ‘ Fire and Rescue Service National Framework for England’

Cabinet Portfolio Holder taking decision: *name and portfolio*

Cllr Richard Hobbs, Portfolio Holder for Community Safety

Date of Decision: (NOT BEFORE 9 March 2012)

9 March 2012

Decision taken

I, as Cabinet Portfolio holder for Community Safety, approve the response to the consultation on ‘Fire and Rescue Service National Framework for England’ for submission to the DCLG by the deadline of 19 March 2012

Reasons for Decisions

The Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004 requires a national framework that sets out priorities and objectives for fire and rescue authorities. The Dept for Communities and Local Government has issued a new draft framework for consultation.

The proposed responses to the questions put by the DCLG are set out in the enclosed report.

Background Information/ factors considered in arriving at these decisions - (set out below or attach officer report):

Background

The framework proposes moving away from prescription enabling fire and rescue authorities to deliver services locally whilst meeting the wider needs of national resilience. The priorities in the draft are for fire and rescue services to:

- Identify and assess the full range of fire and rescue related risks their area faces, make provision for prevention and protection activities and to respond to incidents appropriately
- Work in partnership with their communities and a wide range of partners locally and nationally to deliver their service and
- Be accountable to communities for the service they provide.

Financial and Legal Implications

None at present.

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Checklist**Urgent matter: yes/no***

No

Confidential or Exempt (state category of exempt information)

No

Is the decision contrary to the budget and policy framework

No

List of Reports considered [please attach or forward a copy]

Report to Portfolio Holder

List of Background Papers [please include directorate contact names and numbers for access to background papers]

None aside from the published document available on the DCLG website:

DCLG Fire and Rescue National Framework for England Consultation document dated December 2011

Any members and officers consulted or informed and any comments given.

Consulted:

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