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Subject: Representation Model - correspondence with Chloe Dunnett.

Dear Chief Thelwell,

Thank you for your recent correspondence to Chloe Dunnett (28 July) regarding the representation model of the Policing and Crime Act 2017, which has been forwarded to me.

As you highlight, this enables PCCs to be represented on an FRA, with voting rights, where the FRA agrees. While these provisions immediately apply to County and Metropolitan FRAs as of 3 April 2017, combined fire and rescue authorities established under sections 2 and 4 of the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004 must have their combination schemes amended before these provision will apply – you will have seen the previous Minister for Policing and Fire Services letter of 6 April 2017 which set out our intention to carry out a period of consultation with those affected stakeholders.

As a result of the general election purdah period, we are now looking to run this consultation later this year, subject to Ministerial agreement. Our intention had been that this would be a fairly short consultation period in light of the enabling nature of the provisions. We hope to provide further information on the consultation dates in due course to ensure local areas are able to prepare for when the consultation is likely to run, and to consider how they could best respond.

I hope to provide you, and other Chief Fire Officers and FRAs further information in due course. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any further queries.

Kind regards

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