



# Buckinghamshire & Milton Keynes Fire Authority

<b>MEETING</b>	Fire Authority
<b>DATE OF MEETING</b>	14 February 2018
<b>OFFICER</b>	Mick Osborne, Deputy Chief Fire Officer
<b>LEAD MEMBER</b>	Councillor Roger Reed
<b>SUBJECT OF THE REPORT</b>	<b>Fire and Rescue National Framework for England (Government Consultation)</b>
<b>EXECUTIVE SUMMARY</b>	<p>The Consultation seeks views on the revised Fire and Rescue National Framework for England, which was published on 27 December 2017.</p> <p>Section 21 of the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004 requires the Secretary of State to prepare a Fire and Rescue National Framework which sets priorities and objectives for fire and rescue authorities (FRAs) in England in connection with the discharge of their functions. FRAs have a statutory duty to have regard to the Framework.</p> <p>The National Framework was last updated in 2012 and this revised version incorporates such changes as the creation of a new inspectorate, the National Fire Chiefs Council, along with the provisions contained within the Policing and Crime Act 2017 on emergency services collaboration and changes to fire and rescue governance.</p> <p>In preparation for the draft consultation response, a gap analysis between the 2012 version of the National Framework and the proposed revision has been undertaken. This analysis with the main changes can be found at Appendix B</p> <p>The deadline for responding to the Consultation is the date of this meeting 14 February and a response has already been drafted and is attached in Appendix C for Members to amend / approve.</p>
<b>ACTION</b>	Decision.
<b>RECOMMENDATIONS</b>	That the proposed draft response (Appendix C) to the consultation be approved.
<b>RISK MANAGEMENT</b>	No direct impact.
<b>FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS</b>	There are no envisaged direct financial implications arising from the revised Framework document.

<b>LEGAL IMPLICATIONS</b>	Section 21 of the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004 (FRSA 2004) requires Fire and Rescue Authorities to 'have regard' to the National Framework in carrying out their functions.
<b>CONSISTENCY WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF THE DUTY TO COLLABORATE</b>	No direct impact.
<b>HEALTH AND SAFETY</b>	No direct impact.
<b>EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY</b>	No direct impact.
<b>USE OF RESOURCES</b>	No direct impact.
<b>PROVENANCE SECTION &amp; BACKGROUND PAPERS</b>	Communities and Local Government Fire and Rescue National Framework for England 2012 <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/5904/nationalframework.pdf">https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/5904/nationalframework.pdf</a>
<b>APPENDICES</b>	Appendix A - The Fire and Rescue National Framework for England – Government Consultation Appendix B – Gap Analysis Appendix C – Draft Response to the Consultation
<b>TIME REQUIRED</b>	10 minutes
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