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Consultation on Fire & Resilience Programme In-Service Management

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Summary

This Circular draws your attention to the consultation paper setting out CLG's proposals for the in-service management of the Fire & Resilience Programme. It seeks views on which body should manage certain Programme functions as they become operational. The closing date for responses to the consultation is midday on 5 October 2009.

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Consultation on Fire & Resilience Programme In-Service Management

1.0 Background

1.1 FRS Circular 36/2009, dated 25 June 2009, informed the FRS about the announcement in a Ministerial Statement of future arrangements for the national procurement in the Fire & Rescue Service and Firebuy Ltd. It is proposed that in future the national procurement role should be carried out in a larger organisation also responsible for the Fire and Resilience Programme service contracts. It said that we would shortly be consulting on more detailed proposals for in-service management.

1.2 This consultation seeks views on proposals for the management of functions relating to the Fire & Resilience Programme that will still need to be carried out at national level.

2.0 Consultation process

2.1 The consultation document is now on the Department's website at <http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/fire/consultationprogrammeism>

2.2 The consultation will be for 12 weeks and closes at midday on 5 October 2009. Earlier responses will be welcome. To assist with the compilation and analysis of responses to this consultation exercise, it would be appreciated if responses were submitted electronically to fsed6@communities.qsi.gov.uk

2.3 Hard copies will be accepted but it would be helpful if these were in addition to electronic submissions. It will not be possible to accept late responses.

3.0 Further information

3.1 For further information on this consultation please contact fsed6@communities.qsi.gov.uk

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