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Formula Grant Review – Consultation Responses

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Summary

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1.0 Background

- 1.1 As part of the review of the Fire and Rescue Relative Needs Formula, a Fire Service Circular 34/2009, dated 17 June 2009, asked Fire and Rescue Authorities (FRAs) to assist in providing evidence in developing options, providing information on what FRAs considered to be the key factors driving the services that they provide, and the relative importance of those factors.

2.0 Results of the Consultation

- 2.1 A good response was received, with 31 FRAs expressing a wide variety of views. Our thanks to all those who took part. The responses were considered by the Fire Formula Working Group (FFWG) when it met on 23 September 2009. For your information, a summary of responses and next steps papers from the FFWG has been published on the CLG website at:

<http://www.local.communities.gov.uk/finance/1011/frfwg/090923.htm>

3.0 Further information

- 3.1 Previous papers relating to the work of the Fire Formula Working Group can be found on the CLG website at:

<http://www.local.communities.gov.uk/finance/1011/frfwge>

- 3.2 If you have any questions, or would like further information, please contact Robert Flynn at Communities and Local Government, Zone 3/E2, Eland House, Bressenden Place, London SW1E 5DU, telephone 0303 444 2959 or e-mail: Robert.flynn@communities.gsi.gov.uk

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