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Fire and Rescue Service National Framework 2008-11

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Summary

Fire Circular 22/2008 (20 May 2008) confirmed that the Fire and Rescue Service National Framework 2008-11 had been published and would commence in June 2008. Within the National Framework CLG advised that, while the intention was that it should remain in force to 2011, this would be reviewed at the 2-year point (June 2010), in case significant changes in policy or performance expectations for the FRS need to be reflected in the National Framework. This circular confirms that the 2008-11 Framework will not be revised before 2011.

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1.0 National Framework

- 1.1 The Fire and Rescue Service National Framework for 2008/11 was published 20 May 2008, and is available at:
<http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/fire/nationalframework200811?view=Standard>
- 1.2 The National Framework sets out the Government's priorities and objectives for the Fire and Rescue Service (FRS) and it has statutory force under the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004. The Act places a duty on the Secretary of State to consult on any changes to the National Framework.
- 1.3 Within the 2008/11 National Framework CLG advised that, while the intention was that the Framework should remain in force for the three years of the Comprehensive Spending Review period, this would be reviewed at the 2-year point. This was to ensure the National Framework remained relevant, and continued to properly reflect the Government's performance expectations for the FRS. I am pleased to be able to confirm that the 2008-11 Framework will run to 2011, with work likely to begin with stakeholders on the next National Framework in Summer 2010.
- 1.4 For any queries regarding this circular or the National Framework please contact Andy Swyer at: andy.swyer@communities.gsi.gov.uk

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