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Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 – Part 1 Guidance to Fire and Rescue Authorities and Fire and Rescue Authorities Support and Intervention Protocol

Natural Resources Wales (NRW) brings together the functions of the Countryside Council for Wales, Environment Agency Wales and Forestry Commission Wales, as well as some functions of Welsh Government. Our purpose is to ensure that the environment and natural resources of Wales are sustainably maintained, used and enhanced, now and in the future.

Thank you for consulting the Natural Resources Body for Wales (Natural Resources Wales) on the above document our response to your questions is detailed below:

Consultation Response Form

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Question 1: Do you have any views on the establishment of a stronger link between improvement planning arrangements and the Fire and Rescue National Framework?

Yes, the stronger link between the improvement planning arrangements and the National Framework is seen as an improvement to provide more integration between risk reductions planning with improvement planning.

Question 2: Do you agree with the roles and responsibilities set out in Chapter 2 of the proposed revised Part 1 Guidance to Fire and Rescue Authorities at Annex 1?

We agree with the roles set out in Chapter 2.

Question 3: Do you agree with the proposals for peer assessment of Operational Capability and Effectiveness set out in Chapter 3 of the revised Guidance at Annex 1?

We agree with the proposals as set out in Chapter 3.

Question 4: Do you have any views on bringing together support and intervention arrangements under the Local Government (Wales) Measure 2009 and the Fire and Rescue Service Act 2004?

We agree that the collaborative approach principles of support, sharing of information, intelligence and best practice will provide an informed national overview for performance.

Question 5: Do you have any views on the roles and responsibilities for the individual partners identified in section 2 of the proposed Fire and Rescue Support & Intervention Protocol at Annex 2?

We agree with the roles described in Section 2.

Question 6: Do you have any views on proposals on the role of the Fire and Rescue Improvement Planning Steering Group as a mean of sharing performance intelligence and co-ordinating support for Fire and Rescue Authorities?

We agree with the proposals to provide a more coordinated, consistent and evidenced-based approach to support and intervention. The sharing of intelligence and good practice is particularly important to ensure a consistent and informed approach to challenges across Wales.

Question 7: We have asked a number of specific questions. If you have any related issues which we have not specifically addressed, please use this space to report them:

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We welcome consultation of the forthcoming periodic reviews of the Fire and Rescue Authorities (FRA) own strategic plans, improvement planning arrangements and the forthcoming review of the Fire and Rescue National Framework 2015 to provide an integrated approach in applying the principles of sharing and consistency outlined in Part 1 of the Guidance.

Our overarching incident strategy is that the environment, people and economy of Wales benefit from there being less frequent and less severe environmental incidents. The priority areas within the existing National Framework of collaboration, planning and performance, service delivery, resilience and resources are key for our organisation in providing a platform of success for our continued joint working with the FRA's to provide the sharing of intelligence, promotion of new practices, arson reduction and our partnerships so we continually improve together to be better prepared.

Responses to consultations are likely to be made public, on the internet or in a report. If you would prefer your response to remain anonymous, please tick here:

Please do not hesitate to contact myself if you have any questions.

Yn gywir / Yours faithfully



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