

MEETING: 21st November 2011

SUBJECT: CORRESPONDENCE LIST FOR INFORMATION

The following items of correspondence have been received since the last meeting of the Authority, and are not subject to a separate report. Copies are available from the Chief Fire Officer on request:

- i. FRSB 14/11
This Bulletin contains:
Amendments to the Firefighters' Pension Scheme - Consultation;
Local Government Resource Review Consultation;
Localising support for council tax in England - Consultation;
Distribution of Capital Grant Funding;
Localism Bill and Pay Accountability Update;
Section 13/16 Mutual Assistance Model Agreement - Correction
- ii. FRS B Im 6
This Bulletin contains:
The Firefighters' Pension Scheme - Consultation on proposed increases to employee contribution rates.
- iii. NJC/7/11
Summary: Section 4, part A, paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 of the Scheme of Conditions of Service (Grey Book) outlines the principles on which duty systems should be based.
Where local agreement cannot be reached between the fire and rescue authority and the recognised trade union the difference can be referred to the NJC's Technical Advisory Panel (TAP) whose role is to seek agreement, but where that is not possible, to make recommendations.
Professor William Brown, who is assisted by the Joint Secretaries, currently chairs the panel.
The TAP met on 31 January 2011 to consider a referral from Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service.
- iv. NJC/6/11
Summary: Section 6, Part C, paragraphs 1-14 of the Scheme of Conditions of Service (Grey Book) outlines the local negotiation procedure.
Where local agreement cannot be reached between the fire and rescue authority and the recognised trade union the difference can be referred to the NJC's Resolution Advisory Panel (RAP) whose role is to assist parties unable to reach agreement at local level by endeavouring to facilitate an agreement or, where that is not possible, to make recommendations.
Professor William Brown, who is assisted by the Joint Secretaries, currently chairs the panel.

The RAP met on 16th November 2010 to consider a referral from London Fire Brigade.

v. FRSB15/11

This Bulletin contains:

Fire Service College - Future Options;

Distribution of Capital Grant Funding Consultation;

The Code of Recommended Practice for Local Authorities on Data Transparency;

Best Value Statutory Guidance;

Fire Kills Campaign 2011/12;

Fire Kills Campaign Annual Report 2010/11;

New Crown Fire Notification Form;

Update of the provision of support for the Fire Service Emergency Cover Toolkit.

vi. FRSB16/11

This Bulletin contains: Consultation on technical reforms of council tax