

TYNE AND WEAR FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

Item No. 11

MEETING: 10TH JUNE 2013

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 32/2013

This Bulletin contains:

Revocation of the notification of installations handling hazardous substances regulations 1982;

Future Control Room Services Scheme: Summary 'national picture' March 2013;

Fire Procurement Pipelines;

Secondment Opportunity to the Department for Communities and Local Government;

Publication of Generic Risk Assessments.

ii) FRSB 33/13

This Bulletin contains:

Incident recording system improvements website;

Transformation Challenge Award;

Review and Refresh of the National Co-ordination and Advisory Framework;

New Dimensions Consumables;

Publication of Generic Risk Assessments and Operational Training Guidance on Breathing Apparatus;

Payment of Fire Grants 2013/14.

iii) NJC 2/13

This Circular covers the change to the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and the new Employers Secretary

iv) NJC 3/13

This Circular covers changes to the carry forward of working time directive leave after a period of sickness absence.

v) NJC 4/13

This Circular covers an update on the situation regarding the part time workers regulations.

vi) FRSI 12/13

This Bulletin contains:

The Firefighters' Pension Schemes: Government's response to the consultation on increases to employee contributions from April 2013.

vii) FRSI 13/13

This Bulletin contains:

Sir Ken Knight's review of efficiencies and operations in fire and rescue authorities in England

viii) NFPS

New Firefighters' Pension Scheme - Purchase of Increased Benefits

This circular covers GAD's revised guidance for the purchase of 'Added Years' in the 2006 firefighter pension scheme. This replaces the guidance issued by GAD dated 23 November 2012.

Whilst the actual factors remain unchanged, changes have been made to the associated guidance and examples in order to clarify how the factors should be used for retained and part-time regular firefighters.