

HMICFRS STATE OF FIRE AND RESCUE: ANNUAL ASSESSMENT OF FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES IN ENGLAND 2022



REPORT OF THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER

For Information

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To inform Members of the request from His Majesty's Chief Inspector of Fire and Rescue Services, Andy Cooke QPM DL for advice and assistance in preparation for the annual assessment of the efficiency and effectiveness of fire and rescue authorities in England 2022 and the Chair and Chief Fire Officer's joint response to that request as attached Appendices 1 and 2.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 To note the request from His Majesty's Chief Inspector of Fire and Rescue Services, Andy Cooke QPM DL for advice and assistance in preparation for the annual assessment of the efficiency and effectiveness of fire and rescue authorities in England 2022 as attached as Appendix 1.
- 2.2 To note the Chair of the Fire Authority and Chief Fire Officer's joint response to the above request as attached Appendix 2.

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- 3.1 As part of its reform agenda, the Government has introduced an independent inspection regime for Fire and Rescue Authorities in England – and the fire and rescue service they oversee. The inspections are delivered by Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services (HMICFRS). The Chief Fire and Rescue Inspector and inspectors of fire and rescue authorities in England have powers of inspection given to them by the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004, as amended by the Policing and Crime Act 2017.
- 3.2 Under section 28B of the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004 Her Majesty's Chief Inspector of Fire and Rescue Services must report to the Secretary of State on the State of Fire and Rescue Services in England.

- 3.3 On 12th October 2022 His Majesty's Chief Inspector of Fire and Rescue Services, Andy Cooke QPM DL, wrote to Chief Fire Officers and Chairs of Fire and Rescue Authorities for advice and assistance in preparation for the annual assessment of the efficiency and effectiveness of fire and rescue authorities in England 2022. The request is attached at Appendix 1.
- 3.4 On 24th October 2022 the Chair of the Fire Authority and the Chief Fire Officer responded to His Majesty's Chief Inspector of Fire and Rescue. The response is attached at Appendix 2.

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