# HMICFRS FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE INSPECTION 2018/19 – SUMMARY OF FINDINGS FROM TRANCHE 2

# REPORT OF THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER

**For Information**

## 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To inform Members of HMICFRS' summary of findings from their inspection of the fourteen 'Tranche 2' fire and rescue services attached as Appendix 1.

## 2. RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 Members are asked to note HMICFRS' summary of findings from their inspection of the fourteen 'Tranche 2' fire and rescue services attached as Appendix 1.

## 3. SUMMARY OF FINDINGS FROM HMICFRS INSPECTION OF TRANCHE 1 FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES

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 The inspectorate provides a crucial assurance function to consider how effective and efficient fire and rescue authorities are, how well they manage their people and whether they are fulfilling their statutory obligations. The inspectorate also highlight good practice and identify areas where improvement is needed so that remedial or constructive action can be taken.

3.3 The second tranche of inspections was undertaken in16 fire and rescue services namely: Dorset and Wiltshire, Greater Manchester, Humberside, Kent, Leicestershire, Merseyside, Norfolk, Northumberland, Nottinghamshire, Oxfordshire, Royal Berkshire, Shropshire, Tyne and Wear, West Midlands, West Sussex. HMICFRS has now published the results of those inspections attached in the Fire and Rescue Service inspections 2018/19 Summary of Findings Report attached as Appendix 1.

3.4 FRSs were graded according to the findings of HMICFRS and these are highlighted in the table below:

| Pillar of Judgement | Number of Fire and Rescue Services | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Outstanding | Good | Requires Improvement | Inadequate |
| Effective | 0 | 9 | 7 | 0 |
| Efficiency | 0 | 9 | 7 | 0 |
| People | 0 | 8 | 7 | 1 |

3.5 As reported previously Cleveland Fire Brigade will be in the third tranche of inspections; this is well underway with discovery work and strategic briefing stages now completed. The final stage of inspection ('fieldwork') is set to take place week commencing 8th July 2019 with outcomes expected December 2019.

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