# A guide to compliments and complaints

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What action would you like taken? .....

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Cleveland Fire Brigade is committed to providing a professional and efficient service that is valued by the community we serve.

We deal with all compliments and complaints in a timely, consistent and confidential manner. All comments received will be used to contribute to the improvement of our services.

#### Contacting us to make a compliment or complaint

You can make a compliment or complaint in the following ways:

- In person at any Cleveland Fire Brigade site
- By telephone: 01429 874030 or 01429 872311
- In writing to any Cleveland Fire Brigade establishment
- By email to riskandperformance@clevelandfire.gov.uk
- Completing our online form at www.clevelandfire.gov.uk
- Or using form on the back of this leaflet and returning to:

Cleveland Fire Brigade Risk & Performance Department Training & Administration Hub Endeavour House Queens Meadow Business Park Hartlepool TS25 5TH

### How will your compliment or complaint be dealt with?

## Compliments and complaints feedback form

#### **Compliments**

All compliments will be recorded and acknowledged within five working days. Details will then be passed to the appropriate Senior Officer and the staff concerned.

### Complaints

**Step One** - If your complaint has not been resolved at the point of contact it will be referred to the Risk & Performance Department who will acknowledge receipt of your complaint within five working days.

**Step Two** - Your complaint will be investigated by the appropriate Manager and you should receive a full response within 10 working days. More complex complaints may take longer to investigate, if this is the case you will be kept informed during each stage of the investigation until a full response can be provided.

**Step Three** - If you are unhappy with the response you can ask for a review. Your complaint will then be passed to a Senior Officer who will carry out further investigations and provide a full response within 28 days.

**Step Four** - If after that review, you remain dissatisfied, you can contact the Local Government Ombudsman who will investigate the matter on your behalf.

Local Government Ombudsman PO Box 4771 Coventry CV4 0EH Tel: 0300 061 0614

| Name                 |   |
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| Address              |   |
| Postcode             | Phone Number  |
| Have you conta<br>NO | cted us about this compliment or complaint previously?YES |
| Details of your      | compliment or complaint                                   |
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