



**NFCC**  
National Fire  
Chiefs Council

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Date 30 May 2017

Dear Alasdair

### **National Fire Chiefs Council (NFCC) Operating Principles**

I am writing to confirm that the following modifications of the NFCC Arrangements and Operating Principles effective from 1 April 2017 will apply in relation to the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service (SFRS):

1. In accordance with the derogation provisions on pages 9 and 10 of the Operating Principles, a permanent derogation shall be granted to SFRS and its representatives from the obligation to comply with the decisions of the NFCC and to support the priorities, actions and functions of the NFCC where these relate to "England only" matters, for example the National Fire and Rescue Framework for England.
2. Prior to the 2018-19 financial year, the NFCC will review the relationship between voting rights and payments from Fire and Rescue Services to the NFCC. This review will consider the appropriate contribution of Fire and Rescue Services which do not directly benefit from the NFCC's role under the National Fire and Rescue Framework for England.
3. NFCC Term of Reference (h) will be carried out in Scotland with sensitivity to the different legal and political landscape, and only following prior consultation with the SFRS Chief Officer regarding the appropriateness of NFCC engagement.
4. A review of the NFCC Operating Principles and the CFOA Articles of Association, to take place by 31 March 2018 at the latest, will address the separation of the NFCC and CFOA commercial activities.

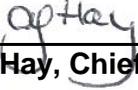
It would be helpful if you could sign the acknowledgement below to confirm the agreement of SFRS to the NFCC Operating Principles as modified.

Yours sincerely

**Roy Wilsher**  
Chair  
National Fire Chiefs Council

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I confirm the agreement of SFRS to the NFCC Arrangements and Operating Principles, subject to the modifications outlined in your letter.

  
Alasdair Hay, Chief Officer, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

1 June 2017  
Date