



## National Resilience Capability – management and assurance: February 2012

### Publicity Line

NFCC continues its support for the sector-led approach to managing and maintaining New Dimension (ND) assets that support national resilience.

We believe this will ensure that ND capability can be fully integrated into Fire and Rescue Service (FRS) core business, and from a Fire and Rescue Authority (FRA) perspective, will ensure that both control and ownership lies with those bodies charged with protecting their communities.

NFCC is adamant that the responsibility for future provision of national resilience capability continues to lie with central government and that its funding should continue to be ring fenced and remain transparent to both the public and FRAs.

England ✓

Wales ✓

Scotland ✓

Northern Ireland ✓

### NFCC will:

- Engage with government and partners on National Resilience issues through the Strategic Resilience Board (SRB). Through the SRB, CFOA will ensure that any and all capability gaps are brought to the attention of government and will push hard to secure appropriate funding to address these gaps.
- Continue to work in partnership with the LGA on the National Resilience Board (NRB) to deliver a sector-led approach to sustaining ND capabilities into the future through establishment of an assurance framework and body managed by CFOA through the FRS National Resilience Board.
- Manage the technical arrangements for ND capabilities including scrutiny of the management of the maintenance of the operational fleet of vehicles and equipment.
- Deliver assurance on upkeep of assets and operational capability to CLG through a separate entity known as CFOA National Resilience Ltd (CNR). CFOA will deliver its responsibilities through the activities of the NRB, its capability leads and the National Resilience Assurance Team.

- Ensure, through CNR that all ND capabilities are fit for purpose, do not degrade over time; continue to be interoperable between FRAs whilst also providing specialist guidance and advice, access to a national training programme and a fully managed minor asset refresh programme.
- Closely monitor financial and governance arrangements where responsibility for provision of this ND national resilience capability still rests with government to ensure there is no additional financial burden to FRAs. We are clear that future funding should not be subsumed into the Revenue Support Grant where transparency around quantum and allocation will be lost.