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Working Better Together Protocol Series

Protocol (no. 8)

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Summary

This Circular is to advise that the Environment Agency (EA) and the Local Government Associations of England (LGA) and Wales (WLGA) have recently signed an updated protocol on FRS issues.

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- 1.0 Attached to this circular you will find a copy of the recently signed updated version of the joint EA and LGA and WLGA protocol for the Working Better Together Protocol Series, (Protocol No 8), Fire and Rescue Service Issues.
- 1.1 This technical protocol is one of nine and supports the joint EA, LGA/WLGA Memorandum of Understanding "Working Better Together 2003".
- 1.2 The existing protocol which was signed in 1999 has been updated to include and to take account of new legislation such as Fire & Rescue Service Act 2004 and Civil Contingencies Act 2004.

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