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Summary

This Circular sets out s.31 grants to fire and rescue services and the position with regard to New Burdens grants for the FiReControl project.

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1.0 Overview

- 1.1 This circular contains information about New Burdens grant awards for the FiReControl project in FY 2007-08. The principles on funding the project are as previously set out in circulars 76-2006, 63-2005 as clarified in the governance circular 44-2006 or in this circular.
- 1.2 For most FRAs there is no change in the amount of grant previously announced. Lead FRAs in all regions will get additional funding for the operation of their local authority controlled company. Lead FRAs in the East Midlands, North East, South West and West Midlands will have some of their accommodation costs paid directly by the Department with a corresponding decrease in grant.

2.0 FiReControl New Burdens Grants

- 2.1 In December 2006 circular 76-2006 set out the principles on which we would provide funding for the FiReControl project, and the intended funding for FY 07-08 in exercise of the powers conferred by section 31 of the Local Government Act 2003. The grant will not be ring fenced and a copy of the determination will be sent to each Fire and Rescue Authority (FRA) once made.

3.0 Changes

- 3.1 This circular confirms the amounts announced in December 2006 in FRS Circular 76-2006 with a few amendments.
- 3.2 The Department will now directly fund the interim Facilities Management of completed RCC buildings. This will reduce the grants to the lead authorities in the East Midlands, South West, North East and West Midlands.
- 3.3 The Department will be taking on the lease of the RCCs in the South West and North East until the local authority controlled companies being established in those regions are capable of taking them on directly. The Department will therefore retain funds to pay the rent until that time.
- 3.4 There has been greater clarity on the cost of setting up and operating the companies. The amount to be granted for annual administration, including insurance, has been increased to £65,000 with an additional one-off payment of £27,000 for HR advice. Please be aware that funds for company set up have been pro-rated for regions which did not set up their RCC Companies before 1 April 2007.
- 3.5 For administrative purposes the Department may combine other grants with New Burdens grants when making payments.

4.0 Specific Funding From the Department

- 4.1 We will be making grants under section 31 the Local Government Act 2003 for 2007-08 for the amounts shown in the table below.

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New Burdens Grants for FY2007-08

FRA	Regional Change	RCC Company Costs	Transition activities	FRA Change	Total
Derbyshire Fire Authority			£160,539	£56,041	£216,580
Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Combined Fire Authority	£147,051	£376,589	£157,506	£56,041	£737,187
Lincolnshire County Council			£145,223	£56,041	£201,264
Northamptonshire County Council			£140,288	£56,041	£196,329
Nottinghamshire and City of Nottingham Fire Authority			£162,562	£56,041	£218,603
Bedfordshire and Luton Combined Fire Authority			£36,653	£56,041	£92,694
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Fire Authority			£41,819	£56,041	£97,860
Essex Fire Authority			£60,721	£56,041	£116,762
Hertfordshire County Council			£44,944	£56,041	£100,985
Norfolk County Council	£147,051	£59,500	£41,872	£56,041	£304,464
Suffolk County Council			£40,381	£56,041	£96,422
London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority	£160,413	£0	£129,757	£0	£290,170
Cleveland Fire Authority	£152,051	£65,000	£133,983	£56,041	£407,075
County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Authority			£137,040	£56,041	£193,081
Northumberland County Council			£120,121	£56,041	£176,162
Tyne and Wear Fire and Rescue Authority			£164,888	£56,041	£220,929
Cheshire Fire Authority			£62,171	£56,041	£118,212
Cumbria County Council			£50,368	£56,041	£106,409
Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Authority			£99,440	£56,041	£155,481
Lancashire Combined Fire Authority			£71,212	£56,041	£127,253
Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority	£152,051	£75,750	£69,942	£56,041	£353,784
Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Fire Authority			£64,991	£56,041	£121,032
East Sussex Fire Authority			£70,521	£56,041	£126,562
Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority			£90,855	£56,041	£146,896
Isle of Wight County Council			£52,897	£56,041	£108,938
Kent and Medway Towns Fire Authority			£95,342	£56,041	£151,383
Oxfordshire County Council			£63,076	£56,041	£119,117
Royal Berkshire Fire Authority			£67,437	£56,041	£123,478
Surrey County Council			£78,044	£56,041	£134,085
West Sussex County Council	£147,051	£59,500	£69,642	£56,041	£332,234
Avon Fire Authority				£56,041	£56,041
Cornwall County Council				£56,041	£56,041
Dorset Fire Authority				£56,041	£56,041
Gloucestershire County Council				£56,041	£56,041
Devon and Somerset Fire Authority	£152,051	£59,500	£1,018,173	£112,082	£1,341,806
Wiltshire and Swindon Fire Authority				£56,041	£56,041
Hereford and Worcester Fire Authority			£145,467	£56,041	£201,508
Shropshire and Wrekin Fire Authority			£129,163	£56,041	£185,204
Stoke on Trent and Staffordshire Fire Authority			£165,397	£56,041	£221,438
Warwickshire County Council			£131,222	£56,041	£187,263
West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority	£147,051	£92,000	£257,335	£56,041	£552,427
Humberside Fire Authority			£47,302	£56,041	£103,343
North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority			£48,492	£56,041	£104,533
South Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority			£54,421	£56,041	£110,462
West Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority	£152,051	£59,500	£70,465	£56,041	£338,057
totals	£1,356,821	£847,339	£4,791,672	£2,521,842	£9,517,674