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### Summary

This Circular reports on progress and next steps following the CLG review of the National Procurement Strategy for the Fire and Rescue Service and Firebuy Ltd, as detailed in FRS Circular 59/2007.

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## Summary of findings and recommendations from the Review of National Procurement Strategy for the Fire and Rescue Service 2005-08 and Firebuy Ltd.

### 1.0 Background

- 1.1 FRS Circular 59/2007, dated 10 December 2007, explained the background to the Review of the National Procurement Strategy for the Fire and Rescue Service 2005-08 and Firebuy Ltd, which reported to Communities and Local Government in April 2008.
- 1.2 The Review found that there remains a strong view in the FRS of the need for a national procurement function but that there is a need to build greater consensus about how that role is carried out and what it should include.
- 1.3 The attached summary identifies options for delivering the national procurement function for the FRS in the medium term and a range of actions in the short term to help make that decision. The key action is the need to draw up a new national procurement strategy for the FRS for the 2008-11 period. The delivery of FRS national procurement would then be determined in this context.
- 1.4 A copy of the full report can be found at:  
[www.communities.gov.uk/publications/fire/procurementstrategyreview](http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/fire/procurementstrategyreview).

### 2.0 National Procurement Strategy for the Fire and Rescue Service 2008-11

- 2.1 A group led by the CFOA National Procurement Board has been working with CLG on a new strategy. We are planning to put out a draft strategy for 2008-11 for a 12-week consultation in July, with publication of the new strategy planned by the end of 2008. A further FRS Circular on the consultation will follow in July.

### 3.0 Further information

- 3.1 For further information on the review of the National Procurement Strategy for the Fire and Rescue Service and Firebuy Ltd please contact:  
[fsed6@communities.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:fsed6@communities.gsi.gov.uk).
- 3.2 Further information on Firebuy Ltd can be found at [www.firebuy.gov.uk](http://www.firebuy.gov.uk).

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