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# Partnership Working Toolkit for Local Area Agreements

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## Summary

The Fire and Rescue Service Partnership Working Toolkit for Local Area Agreements is now complete and is available on the Department's website at: <http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/fire/workingtoolkit>  
It was commissioned to assist Fire and Rescue Authorities in contributing to the development of Local Area Agreements working with their partners.

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## Partnership Working Toolkit for Local Area Agreements

### 1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The Local Government White Paper 'Strong and Prosperous Communities', published in October 2006, championed a new agenda for local government and the role of partners in delivering better outcomes for communities.
- 1.2 This toolkit was commissioned by CLG to assist with the new agenda and developed following input from the Fire and Rescue Service at Seminars held in London and Manchester.

### 2.0 Background

- 2.1 The purpose of the toolkit is to support Fire and Rescue Authorities (FRAs) in participating in the new local performance framework. It comprises technical material, which is in the form of examples, graphs and case studies, produced by Greenstreet Berman Ltd. This material responds directly to the areas where FRAs have requested support. Four inter-active spreadsheets have also been included to which FRAs may wish to input data to generate local targets, to measure performance against 'Confidence Intervals' and to calculate local costs to society and the economy from fires.
- 2.2 The toolkit also includes a chapter on approaches which FRAs may wish to consider for the purpose of reviewing and evaluating the outcomes of programmes and partnerships in which they are engaged.
- 2.3 The Department would welcome feedback/suggestions for further development of the toolkit. This approach of publishing it as a 'living' document is intended to enable the Service to take ownership of the document and for the toolkit to remain relevant as the new agenda on Local Area Agreements continues to develop. We will work with stakeholders to review the toolkit in the light of feedback received with a view to considering the issue of an updated version in due course. Please e-mail any such comments for consideration to: [Clara.McHugh@communities.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:Clara.McHugh@communities.gsi.gov.uk)
- 2.4 This toolkit is not statutory guidance and does not replace published or consultation documents.

### 3.0 Details

- 3.1 The toolkit is available via the Departments website at:

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/fire/workingtoolkit>

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