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1. Scope

This policy covers in general the consultative work on a statutory and non-statutory basis for technical fire safety matters.

2. Aims and Objectives

The policy is required to ensure that resources are used effectively and are not being used to assist other organisations where it is not in the common interest and does not conform to current inspection policy.

3. Policy

The Service believes that we should consult, in terms of responding to other authorities/agencies request for assistance, where it is in pursuance of either legal requirements (Statutory consultation) or in the common interest of both parties and generates tangible benefits for the Service. We have a robust and clearly defined inspection programme drawn from the Fire Protection Policy Statement of Intent which are aimed at ensuring that our resources are targeted at the greatest risk. To this end we will ensure that consultation takes place in accordance with the priorities established in the FP policy statement. We must ensure as much as is reasonable practicable that resources are not deviated from the targeted risk and we will draw upon Memoranda of Understanding where required to ensure each partner authority/agency is clear on our policy.

4. Equality and Diversity Impact Assessment

This policy has been subject to an equality and diversity impact assessment and no action has been deemed necessary.

5. Reference Documents

Fire Protection Policy Statement of Intent.

6. Approval Agency

Service Management Team.

7. Approval Dates

This Policy was originally approved in: 2008

This version was approved in: 2009

This version takes effect from: 2009

Next review date: 2010

8. Policy Sponsor

Head of Community Risk Management.

9. Diversity And Equality Statement

Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service is committed to the principles of diversity and equality and the elimination of discriminatory practices. These principles are applied to the

treatment of all individuals, whether members of the public, or our own staff, be those fire officers, support staff or volunteers.

This policy will be implemented in a non-discriminatory manner. Members of Cumbria Fire and Rescue Service administering this policy are responsible for ensuring that in their application, those to whom the policy applies, shall not receive less favourable treatment because of their age, colour, disability, ethnic or national origin, gender re-assignment, marital status, nationality, race, religion, sex or sexual orientation.