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NATIONAL JOINT COUNCIL FOR LOCAL AUTHORITY FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES

**To: Chief Fire Officers
Chief Executives/Clerks to Fire Authorities
Chairs of Fire Authorities
Directors of Human Resources**

Members of the National Joint Council

15 December 2006

CIRCULAR NJC/09/06

Dear Sir/Madam

National Joint Council meeting – 15 December 2006

1. At a meeting of the National Joint Council today constructive discussions resulted in the Employees' Side agreeing to consult their membership on a proposed Continual Professional Development Scheme. The proposed Scheme, guidance for applicants, and application form are **attached**.
2. Similarly constructive discussions have taken place on the revisions to the Joint Constitution.
3. The NJC will reconvene on 6 February 2006 when it is hoped that both Sides will be able to discuss the clarification on the points as agreed.
4. It is further hoped that on the basis of the consultation on the Continual Professional Development Scheme and the receipt of clarification on the Joint Constitution formal agreement may be reached on both issues.

Yours faithfully
SARAH MESSENGER
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Joint Secretaries