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Summary:	This circular advises Fire and Rescue Authorities of the Pension Increase (Review) Order 2006; and provides further information about the Working Group on Emergency Fire Control Staff.
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Pension Increase (Review) Order 2006

- 1.1 The Pensions Increase (Review) Order 2006 provides for public sector pensions beginning before 11th April 2005 to be increased on 10th April 2006 by 2.7% (in line with the increase in the Retail Price Index in the 12 months to September 2005). Any pension that has been in payment for less than a year will be increased by a proportionate amount depending upon the number of months it has been in payment.
- 1.2 Fire and Rescue Authorities are reminded that in accordance with the provisions in Rule E9 of the Firefighters' Pension Scheme order 1992, widow(er)'s flat-rate pensions and children's flat rate allowances are increased directly by orders made under Section 59 of the Social Security Pensions Act 1975, as amended. These awards should accordingly be increased by 2.7% from 10th April 2006.
- 1.3 The Pension Increase (Review) Order 2006 can be viewed by visiting: www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/media/30C/A3/PensionsIncDrafts2006.doc

Working Group on Emergency Fire Control Staff

- 2.1 Reference was made in section 5 of FPS 4/2006 to the establishment of a Working Group to consider the basis on which control staff should have access to the New Firefighters' Pension Scheme (NFPS). Membership of the group will include representatives of the Fire Officers' Association and Unison, in addition to the FBU and the GMB. The Local Government Association, the LG Employers and the devolved administrations (Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland) will also be represented.
- 2.2 The draft terms of reference for the group are "To consider the terms on which Emergency Fire Control Staff might transfer to the New Firefighters' Pension Scheme, having regard to the need to ensure no additional costs to fire and rescue authorities."
- 2.3 Papers relating to the Working Group will be placed on the website in accordance with our normal practice.

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