



# Inter Authority Agreement

Progress update for TVFCS Joint Committee

# Recap

## Redrafting the Inter Authority Agreement (IAA)

- ✓ The Inter Authority Agreement (IAA) is due for review three years prior to expiration
- ✓ However, a TVFCS contract cannot be signed if it outlasts the IAA
- ✓ We have started work on refreshing the IAA earlier than scheduled

**The intent is to facilitate our existing, successful partnership**

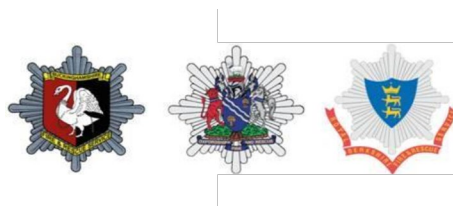
## Assurance for members

- ✓ Existing arrangements remain stable and effective



# Progress

- ✓ **Modernising the agreement.** Updates remove outdated references, align terminology with current TVFCS structures and reflect how the service operates today.
- ✓ **Streamlining governance.** Proportionate management of decisions through the Joint Coordinating Group and existing officer delegations, reducing unnecessary referrals to all three fire authorities.
- ✓ **Supporting long-term investment.** Financial changes enable multi-year capital programmes, improve management of contingencies and update spending thresholds to reflect inflation.
- ✓ **Addressing legal and contractual issues.** Several clauses require legal review, including procurement, contracts, insurance, withdrawal arrangements, notices and other legacy provisions.
- ✓ **Future-proofing the partnership.** Proposed amendments seek to accommodate system replacement, local government reorganisation, modern working practices and continued delivery of statutory emergency response obligations.



# Progress

- ✓ The working draft of the updated IAA has been circulated to in house lawyers to ensure changes are appropriate

## Financial clauses under review

- ✓ Finance leads are reviewing Schedule 8 of the IAA - the cost apportionment model
- ✓ The review is targeting a fair, proportionate and unanimously agreed financial mechanism for the provision of the new command-and-control system



# Next steps and timeline

## ✓ August 2026

- » Legal advisors complete their review of draft IAA
- » Finance leads to agree financial provisions in Sch. 8
- » Officers to review and ensure all Schedules
- » Officers will compile the IAA and share the final draft with members to socialise ahead of:

## ✓ September 2026

- » 21<sup>st</sup> September, TVFCS Joint Committee to be presented with IAA for recommendation to Fire Authorities

## ✓ October 2026

- » TVFCS Command and Control System contract award target date





**Thank You**