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Dear Miss Pearse,

**ODPM CONSULTATION EXERCISE:
DRAFT FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE NATIONAL FRAMEWORK
2006-08**

Further to the earlier receipt of Fire and Rescue Circular 52-2005 I am pleased to now be in position to present to you the key observations arising from Shropshire & Wrekin Fire Authority's assessment of the proposed national framework document. The Fire Authority welcomes the proposed release of a two-year framework to further promote the agenda of reform and modernisation of fire and rescue services. Examination of the draft framework has identified the following key observations that may require attention prior to final release of the document:

- a) There is a notable absence of SMART objectives (*SMART – an acronym for objectives that are Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic, Timely*) for the majority of paragraphs that place *Should* and/or *Must* requirements upon Regional Management Boards (RMBs) and Fire & Rescue Authorities (F&RSs).
- b) Little constructive linkage exists between the government's targets and priorities (Annex B of Framework) and the stated paragraphs that place *Should* and/or *Must* requirements upon RMBs and F&RAs.
- c) Details contained within some of the annexes to the draft Framework document will be obsolete during 2006-08.
- d) No linkage is made between the draft national framework and the FRSD Milestone Map (refer to www.odpm.gov.uk/embedded_object.asp?id=1123808).

The attached appendix supplements these observations with remarks specific to the framework's relative nine *chapters* and associated *annexes*.

Should you require any additional information in support of the comments set out within this consultation response please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

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Chair to Shropshire & Wrekin Fire Authority