



Current Correspondence: December 17 – February 2018

Release date	Subject	Summary	Action		
			CFA Report	CFA Response	Info
12/12/17	Michael Cunningham leaving Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services	Michael Cunningham leaving his position in December and taking up new role as Chief Executive of College of Policing			√
19/12/17	Confirmation of auditor appointment from 2018/19	An email to confirm the appointment of Mazars LLP to audit the accounts of County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Authority for five years, for the accounts from 2018/19 to 2022/23. The appointment is made under regulation 13 of the Local Audit (Appointing Person) Regulations 2015, and was approved by the PSAA Board at its meeting on 14 December 2017. (Process of appointment was approved in previous CFA paper)			√
25/01/18	Circular EMP-1-18	An update on the subject of pay / broadening the role. The NJC joint secretariat, Cllr Chard (as Chair of the Employers' Side) and Ian Murray (as Chair of the Employees' Side) are due to meet the Home Office Minister for Policing and the Fire Service on 29th January to brief him on the New Economy research, the potential scope for broadening the role identified to date and to seek his support for ensuring that it can be resourced on a sustainable basis in England.			√

29/01/18	Pension Transitional Arrangements: Employment Appeal Tribunal Judgment	<p>The Employment Appeal Tribunal (EAT) has allowed the firefighters' appeal on the justification part of their age discrimination claim and the appeal on indirect race discrimination. The EAT has not made a finding that the transitional pension protections were discriminatory, instead finding that the tribunal may need to re-examine this issue, depending on the outcome of the further appeal. The EAT also dismissed the firefighters' appeal in regard to their equal pay and indirect sex discrimination claims.</p> <p>The EAT has granted the respondents, including the fire and rescue authorities, permission to appeal to the Court of Appeal.</p>			√
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