



BY E-MAIL

23rd January 2017

Dear Chief Fire Officer,

Firefighters' Pensions – Scheme Advisory Board levy

As previously advised, the Firefighter Pension Scheme 2014 Regulations 4H(1), the Firefighter Pension Scheme (England) Scheme Advisory Board (SAB) are required to set an annual budget for approval by the Secretary of State.

The board has now set this budget at a total rate of £136,062.50 and this has been approved by Brandon Lewis MP, Minister of State for Fire and Policing. Brandon Lewis has also agreed that the Technical Pensions Adviser post should be brought within the levy.

Figures provided by GAD at March 2015 confirm there were 33,611 active firefighters, as exact figures at 1st October 2016 are unknown the monies for the 2016/2017 year will be collected at an annual rate of £4.12 per active firefighter, which is based on an estimated current total of 33,000 active firefighters. Any adjustments will be credited in the 2017/2018 year. The 2017/2018 year will be collected on the numbers of firefighters disclosed with the 2016/2017 return.

As Fire authorities have already paid the subscription for the technical advisers post, the money to be collected for the 2016/2017 year is for the Scheme Advisory Board levy only. The Scheme Advisory Board have agreed that the levy for 2016/2017 year will be collected from the 1st October 2016 to reflect the late start of the Scheme Advisory Board. Therefore the levy for the 2016/2017 year will be £2.07 per active firefighter.

From April 2017, the statutory levy will increase to £6.12 per active firefighter to reflect the full year plus the £2 technical adviser levy.

Under the terms of the 2014 regulations [4H(2)] this levy will be defrayed to scheme managers at the following rates.

2016/2017 year	£2.07 per active firefighter
2017/2018 year	£6.12 per active firefighter

Please complete the attached form, including a valid purchase order number in order to issue the invoice to your authority.

If you have any questions, please contact clair.alcock@local.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely

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Scheme Advisory Board Statutory Levy 2016/2017

Name	
Job Title	
Fire and Rescue Authority	
Address	
Email address	
Telephone number	
Number of employees eligible to join one of the Firefighters' Pension Schemes as at 1st October 2016	
Purchase Order number, payable to the Improvement and Development Agency*	

Return to

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*In 2011 the Local Government Association and its associated companies integrated operations so that they in effect now operate as one organisation under one management structure, but for financial and legal purposes, we still need to transact through the legal company names. The budget for this work sits in the Improvement & Development Agency company and as such all purchase orders/invoices/contracts/agreements need to be addressed accordingly.