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| <b>Item Number</b>             | <b>Item 5 – Paper 2</b>  |
| <b>Title of Paper</b>          | <b>Fire Standards Progress Report</b>  |
| <b>Decision or Information</b> | For information  |
| <b>Date of Meeting</b>         | 30 <sup>th</sup> March 2023  |
| <b>Presented by</b>            | Fire Standards Team  |
| <b>Attachments</b>             | Appendix A - <i>Phase Two Delivery Plan Progress Summary</i><br>Appendix B – <i>Phase Three Delivery Plan Progress Summary</i> |

## Summary

This paper provides an update on the progress that has been made in developing the Fire Standards included in Phase Two and Three.

The Board is asked to review the progress against the Phase Two and Phase Three delivery plans (*Appendices A and B*)

## Fire Standards Development – Progress Highlights

Progress made against each Fire Standard included in Phase Two since the last meeting include:

### Leadership and People Fire Standards

- The Board approved the revised Leadership and People Fire Standards in December 2022, and they were published on 22<sup>nd</sup> December.
- The Fire Standards Team have shared the Leadership and People Fire Standards with HMICFRS to support their inclusion within the next round of HMICFRS inspections.
- The FSB Chairs held a workshop to promote the Leadership and People Fire Standards with HR specialists at the NFCC HR Forum in January 2023 and with Chief Fire Officers in March 2023. More information on this will be provided during Item 4.

Highlights since the last meeting on progress made against Fire Standards in Phase 3 are:

### Fire Control

- Consultation on the standard took place between December 2022 and February 2023.
- The board signed-off the post-consultation report and revisions in March 2023.

- QA on the standard took place in March 2023 and a QA report has been shared with the Board. For more information, please see *Item 8 – Paper 2*.

#### **Communications, Engagement and Consultation**

- Consultation on the standard took place between December 2022 and February 2023.
- The board signed-off the post-consultation report and revisions in March 2023.
- QA on the standard took place in March 2023 and a QA report has been shared with the Board. For more information, please see *Item 8 – Paper 2*.

#### **Resources: Commercial and Procurement**

- NFCC's Lead for Procurement, Chief Fire Officer Ann Millington, has confirmed that she would act as lead for the Commercial and Procurement Fire Standard. A commissioning meeting with her took place in March 2023.
- A number of services have requested involvement in this Fire Standard and an initial workshop is due to take place in April 2023.

#### **Resources: Asset Management**

- NFCC's Resources Forum Chair, Assistant Chief Fire Officer, Jon Anderson, has confirmed that he would act as lead for the Asset Management Fire Standard. A commissioning meeting with him took place in February 2023.
- A number of services have requested involvement in this Fire Standard and an initial workshop is due to take place in April 2023.

#### **Resources: Finance and Assurance**

- The Fire Standards Team approached the NFCC Finance Committee Chair and Chief Fire Officer, Ben Ansell, to act as lead for this standard. However, due to impending industrial action, he was unable to offer the appropriate support at this time.
- In discussion with the FST, the Home Office raised concerns about the value of a Finance Fire Standard. The Home Office would support an alternative Fire Standard focused on productivity and efficiency.
- The FST has, as per the Board's instructions, agreed to continue to scope a Fire Standard on Finance and Assurance. Once this scoping work has sufficiently progressed it will support an evidence-based view on the potential content and value of such a standard. They are also exploring what may constitute a standard on productivity and efficiency.
- A number of services have requested involvement in a Finance Fire Standard and an initial workshop is due to take place in April 2023.

## Appendix A - Phase Two Development Plan Progress Summary

**Key:**

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| Work not started                     | Potential slippage on publication date or issue through development phase identified but is being managed |
| On track for target publication date | Issue requires Board intervention   |

| Activity Area for Fire Standard                                | Stage 1 (Scoping) | Stage 2 (Development to post-consultation draft) | Stage 3 (Final governance sign off, approval) | Expected publication date (Post QA) | Summary of recent progress   | Next steps |
|--|-------------------|--|---|-------------------------------------|--|------------|
| 1. Leading the Service<br><br>2. Leading and Developing People | Completed         | Completed  | Completed                                     | Published Dec 2022                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consultation completed Sep 22</li> <li>• Post consultation analysis completed Oct 22</li> <li>• Final draft and post consultation report approved by FSB Nov 22</li> <li>• Board approved QA report and Fire Standard Dec 22</li> <li>• Fire Standards approved and published Dec 22</li> <li>• Formal launch activities took place Jan – Mar 23</li> </ul> |            |

## Appendix B - Phase Three Development Plan Progress Summary

**Key:**

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| Work not started                     | Potential slippage on publication date or issue through development phase identified but is being managed |
| On track for target publication date | Issue requires Board intervention   |

| Activity Area for Fire Standard            | Stage 1 (Scoping) | Stage 2 (Development to post-consultation draft) | Stage 3 (Final governance sign off, approval) | Expected publication date (Post QA) | Summary of recent progress  | Next steps   |
|--|-------------------|--|---|-------------------------------------|---|--|
| Fire Control                               | Completed         | Completed  | In progress                                   | Mar 2023 (subject to consultation)  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commissioning meeting with NFCC Fire Control Project Executive Ben Norman held Sep 22</li> <li>Working group for development established in Aug 22 and peer review completed Sep 22</li> <li>Consultation completed Feb 23</li> <li>Board approved post-consultation report and Fire Standard Mar 23</li> <li>Submitted for QA Mar 23</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Board to approve QA report and Fire Standard Mar 23</li> <li>Publication due Mar 23</li> </ul>  |
| Communication, Engagement and Consultation | Completed         | Completed  | In progress                                   | Mar 2023 (subject to consultation)  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commissioning meeting with NFCC Prevention Lead, Neil Odin held Oct 22</li> <li>Peer review completed Nov 22</li> <li>Consultation completed Feb 23</li> <li>Board approved post-consultation report and Fire Standard Mar 23</li> <li>Submitted for QA Mar 23</li> </ul>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Board to approve QA report and Fire Standard Mar 23</li> <li>Publication due Mar 23</li> </ul>  |
| Resources: Asset Management                | Initiated         | Not Started                                      | Not started                                   | Sep 2023                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commissioning meeting with NFCC Resources Forum Chair, Jon Anderson took place Feb 23</li> </ul>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scoping workshop scheduled to take place Apr 23</li> <li>Peer review scheduled to take place May 23</li> <li>Consultation scheduled to take place Jul 23</li> </ul> |

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| Resources: Finance and Assurance      | Initiated         | Not Started                                      | Not started                                   | Sep 2023                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Home Office discussions with FST have taken place to determine value of a Finance Fire Standard.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scoping workshop scheduled to take place Apr 23</li> <li>Peer review scheduled to take place May 23</li> <li>Consultation scheduled to take place Jul 23</li> </ul> |
| Resources: Commercial and Procurement | Initiated         | Not Started                                      | Not started                                   | Sep 2023                            | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Commissioning meeting with NFCC Procurement Lead, Ann Millington took place Mar 23</li> </ul>               | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scoping workshop scheduled to take place Apr 23</li> <li>Peer review scheduled to take place May 23</li> <li>Consultation scheduled to take place Jul 23</li> </ul> |