



FiReControl & Firelink PROJECT UPDATE Issue 20 : July 2008

FIRECONTROL PROJECT UPDATE

1 National FiReControl Project Update

Mobile Data Terminals (MDT) - The draft scoping document for MDT1a has been issued by EADS and it is proposing a wireless solution for MDT updates.

DCMT1 UAT - providing resolution to issues raised during trial FRS's use are resolved, User Acceptance Testing (UAT) is expected to take place towards the middle of August. Rollout of the equipment to all FRSs is therefore likely to start in September.

Early Station End Equipment (ESEE) – UAT is scheduled for 6/7th August. Successful completion will enable immediate deployment to Staffs and North Yorks.

2 Regional FiReControl Project Update

Attribute Based Mobilising - a 2 day National Workshop was held on 8/9 July with representatives from all 9 Regions. A proof of concept trial for a PDA tool (developed by Lincolnshire FRS) was agreed to be run in East Midlands with Lincolnshire FRS and Derbyshire FRS participating initially.

3 NFRS FiReControl Project Update

Attribute-Based Mobilising (ABM) – work is progressing to make sure the records of individual skills and qualifications held by the Service are accurate and up-to-date.

Station End Equipment (SEE) – initial surveys have begun to capture the information required in preparation for the replacement of station and mobilising equipment.

Fires of Special Interest (FOSIs) – A solution is being developed with the Arson Task Force and also the Health and Safety section, for identifying FOSIs and reporting on them to CLG, without Fire Control having to be involved. This is in preparation for the cutover to RCC.

4 Local Authority Controlled Company (LACC) Update

The LACC Board last met on 15th July 2008.

Interim Union Recognition - the Board agreed to grant interim recognition to the FOA, FBU and Unison for the purpose of voluntary consultation with the Company.

Facilities Management - the Board has requested further information from the FireControl National Project Director on the proposed facilities management contract which CLG have procured nationally for all the RCCs.

Media & Stakeholder Communication - the Board reviewed the positive feedback from the Media and Stakeholder Events that had recently been held at the RCC and decided that they should be repeated in the future.



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FIRELINK PROJECT UPDATE

1. National Firelink Progress

Control Rooms: 100% of scheduled work in English Control Rooms is complete and tested.
Vehicle Installations: 95% of Phase A vehicle installations (typically, 8 vehicles per FRS) now complete across England and 22% in Scotland.

2. Regional Firelink Progress

Phase A Milestone Closure: The East Midlands Region are currently involved in the process of Firelink A Milestone Closure . A meeting took place at the Regional Roll Out Board in July where a list of the extant issues/recommendations was agreed that still need to be resolved before moving into Phase B

3. NFRS Local Firelink Update

Firelink surveys – additional surveys have been carried out to cover the replacement light vehicle fleet, along with some re-surveys of appliances that did not meet the standard expected following an internal review. Preparations are underway for the Phase B install, including interviews for 1.5 posts of Firelink support workers on a two-month fixed term contract.

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