

**AGREEMENT TO ADHERE TO THE NATIONAL GUIDANCE DOCUMENT ON THE PROVISION
OF WATER FOR FIREFIGHTING AND ANY LOCAL AGREEMENTS**

1 - Overview

- 1.1 The purpose of the National guidance document on the provision of water for firefighting, published by the National Fire Chiefs Council and Water UK, is to form a common approach and a basis for establishing both an effective and efficient working relationship between Fire and Rescue Services and the water undertakers that serve them.
- 1.2 It is recognised that Fire and Rescue Services and water undertakers may wish to make Local Agreements that deviate from the National guidance document on the provision of water for firefighting. This document provides the facility to capture the details of any such Local Agreements made between each Fire and Rescue Service and each water undertaker. It is expected that Fire and Rescue Services and water undertakers work jointly to achieve mutually agreeable working agreements..
- 1.3 A separate Local Agreement should be signed by each Fire and Rescue Service with each water undertaker that serves it.
- 1.4 This document is not a contract nor is it legally binding and should be read in conjunction with the current edition of the National guidance document on the provision of water for firefighting.
- 1.5 Nothing contained in this document shall replace or detract from the statutory duties of either the Fire and Rescue Service or the water undertaker as outlined in the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004 and the Water Industry Act 1991.
- 1.6 In order to deliver the expectations of this agreement, it may be necessary for organisations to hold third party information. In the event of a request to disclose such information by another party, express permission from the information owner should be obtained before releasing it.
- 1.7 This agreement and any Local Agreements captured within it should be reviewed annually as a joint exercise between the Fire and Rescue Service and the water undertaker. It should also be reviewed following any revisions made to the National guidance document on the provision of water for firefighting.

2 - Local Agreements

- 2.1 The details of any Local Agreements reached between the Fire and Rescue Service and the water undertaker should be captured in the table at the top of page 2. If no Local Agreements are made, that should be indicated below.
- 2.2 Where relevant documents need to be included, these should be captured in the Local Agreements table at the top of page 2 and a copy of the document added as an appendix.
- 2.3 A copy of the Local Agreements should be provided to all relevant persons at the Fire and Rescue Service and the water undertaker.

Local Agreements made?	Yes / No
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Section of National Guidance Document	Details of Local Agreements
<i>Additional rows can be added if required</i>	

3 - Confirmation of agreement

A suitable representative from the Fire and Rescue Service and the water undertaker should sign the document below to confirm their commitment to this agreement. A signed copy should be retained by the Fire and Rescue Service and the water undertaker.

FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE (NAME)	
NAME OF REPRESENTATIVE	
ROLE	
SIGNATURE	
DATE	

WATER UNDERTAKER (NAME)	
NAME OF REPRESENTATIVE	
ROLE	
SIGNATURE	
DATE	