



Home Office

# Fire Funding

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Fire Funding Policy

# SR19

- HO, LGA and NFCC worked together to understand what fire required for SR19 and to agree a joint evidence pack.
- Convened a Senior sector Group (SSG) with reps from all three organisations.
- Planned for both 3 year and 1 year SR. In the end HMT decided on a 1 year roll-over.
- Significantly shortened process.
- Good outcome: Flat real on MHCLG funding (via Local Gov settlement).
- Other grants on HO DEL (e.g pensions, firelink, national resilience) also confirmed.

# SR20

- SR20 will set budgets for next 3 or 4 years. Important we get the right outcome from HMT.
- HO is currently preparing for SR20 – continue and extend the joint work with LGA and NFCC.
- Planning to continue with the SSG process to work with the sector to agree what our pitch to HMT is going to be.
- Clear need to improve the narrative on efficiency.
- Efficiency and productivity will be a key plank of SR20 proposition – HMT will be seeking evidence that these are key considerations for the sector and our Department.
- At SR the Home Office is competing against other Departments as overall spending is determined by HMT.

# SR20 - Pressures

- A clear requirement for SR20 is to accurately collect the financial pressures on FRAs for the following 3-4 years.
- Some are easier to predict and calculate e.g pay and current pensions pressure from changes to the discount rate.
- Others potentially more difficult such as McCloud/Sergeant costs and possible other unknowns.
- Keen to work with the sector to understand if we are capturing all the pressures/needs that will realise over the SR period.

# Fair Funding Review

- MHCLG have confirmed new formulas won't be implemented for 20/21.
- We had already secured an agreement that fire formula would not be updated that year due to difficulties with availability of data.
- HO now fully own fire formula and have committed to reviewing it in time for next SR. This will not be SR20 but the following one.
- Keen to have views from the sector as to what format stakeholder engagement should take.
- Fire Formula not part of SR considerations – we will start this work once outcome of SR is known.

# Questions?

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