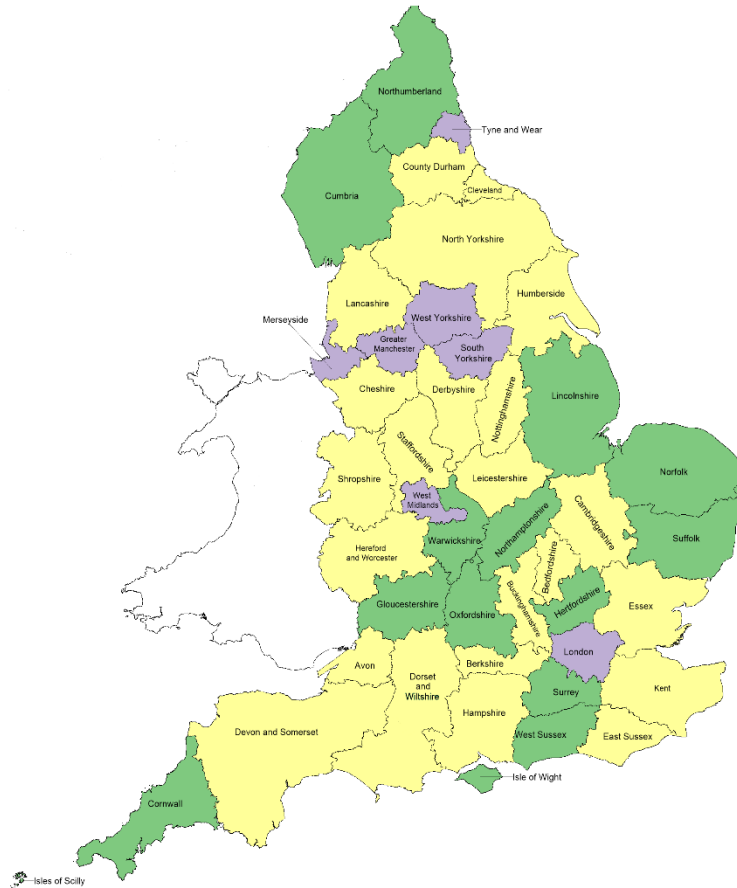


Fire and Rescue Services governance – an overview

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The problem of governance



44 Fire & Rescue Authorities:-

- **23 Combined**
- **14 County/Unitary Councils**
- **7 London and Mets**

The problem of governance

- Various models already in play reflecting the complexity of governance arrangements
 - CFAs
 - Counties
 - Mets
 - London
 - In future PCC run authorities
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Public would expect sound scrutiny

- Role of Members
 - VFM
 - Good service delivery
 - Public confidence
 - Role of the inspectorate?
 - Do Police and Crime Panels need “fire” specialists?
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LGA views

- LGA supportive of the closer working between Police and Fire
 - We probably deal with the same customers
 - Helps where boundaries are conterminous
 - Panels should not be second guessing decisions by FRAs
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LGA's role

- **Not to promote any particular governance model over another**
 - **Help develop business cases where requested**
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