

GWASANAETH TÂN AC ACHUB GOGLEDD CYMRU

ADRODDIAD AR GYFER Y PANEL GWEITHREDOL

DYDDIAD:	23 ^{ain} Chwefror 2004
ADRODDIAD GAN:	Y PRIF SWYDDOG TÂN
DIBEN YR ADRODDIAD:	Cael yr aelodau i gymeradwyo cyflwyno'r ymateb i Swyddfa'r Dirprwy Brif Weinidog sydd yn yr atodiad, fel rhan o'r ymgynghoriad ffurfiol ar Fframwaith Cenedlaethol Drafft y Gwasanaeth Tân ac Achub

1. **CYFLWYNIAD**

- 1.1 Yn Rhagfyr 2003 cyhoeddwyd Fframwaith Cenedlaethol Drafft i'r Gwasanaeth Tân ac Achub gan Swyddfa'r Dirprwy Brif Weinidog. Mae'r Ddogfen yn ganolog i agenda foderneiddio'r Llywodraeth, ac mae'n adeiladu ar yr Adroddiad Bain a'r Papur Gwyn a gyhoeddwyd ym Mehefin 2003, ac yn ategu atynt. Bydd yr aelodau hefyd yn ymwybodol i Fesur y Gwasanaethau Tân ac Achub gael ei gyhoeddi, a chafodd ei ail ddarlleniad yn Nhŷ'r Cyffredin ar 26 Ionawr 2004, ac roedd i fod i gyrraedd cam y Pwyllgorau ar 10^{fed} Chwefror.
- 1.2 Mae tri prif amcan i'r ddogfen:-
- Rhoi eglurhad ar y canlyniadau a'r amcanion mae'r Llywodraeth am eu gweld yn cael eu cyflawni
 - Rhestru'r hyn mae'r Llywodraeth yn disgwyl i'r Awdurdodau Tân ac Achub, a'r Byrddau Rheoli Rhanbarthol ei wneud i ateb yr amcanion hynny
 - Esbonio beth fydd y Llywodraeth yn ei wneud i gefnogi'r Awdurdodau Tân ac Achub, a'r Byrddau Rheoli Rhanbarthol i ateb yr amcanion hynny
- 1.3 I bob golwg, ymwneud â Lloegr yn unig mae'r ddogfen. Mae'n cyfeirio at ymrwymiad Llywodraeth Prydain i "ddatganoli cyfrifoldebau am ymladd tân a materion diogelwch tân yng Nghymru i'r Cynulliad Cenedlaethol". Mae Llywodraeth Cynulliad Cymru wrthi'n datblygu ei ddogfen Fframwaith ei hun, a deallir y bydd yn cael ei chyhoeddi yn y Gwanwyn ar gyfer ymgynghoriad.
- 1.4 Yn y cyfarfod diwethaf o'r Panel ar 14 Ionawr 2004, penderfynodd yr aelodau ei bod yn bwysig, er mai ymwneud â Lloegr roedd y rhan fwyaf o'r ddogfen, ymateb i'r materion hynny y credid oedd â chysylltiad â Chymru, a gwneud ymateb ffurfiol cyn y dyddiad terfyn. Mae'r cyfnod ymgynghori'n dod i ben ddydd Gwener 12 Mawrth 2004.

1. **CYFLWYNIAD** (*parhad*)

1.5 Mae'r llythyr drafft sydd ynghlwm, felly, yn ceisio rhoi adborth adeiladol a pherthnasol i'r ODPM ar y ddogfen, tra'n cydnabod mai i'r Awdurdod hwn, y ddogfen Fframwaith i Gymru, fydd bwysicaf.

2. **ARGYMHELLIAD**

2.1 Gofynnir i'r aelodau gefnogi'r ymateb drafft sydd ynghlwm.

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Dear Mr Lawrence

DRAFT FIRE AND RESCUE NATIONAL FRAMEWORK

The North Wales Fire Authority welcomes the opportunity to make comment on the Draft Fire and Rescue National Framework; our observations are appended below.

1. Firstly, the Authority notes the Government's commitment to devolving responsibility for fire fighting and fire safety issues in Wales to the National Assembly. Clearly, the publication of the Wales Framework Document will be the main driver for change in Wales and we are mindful of this position in making comment on the "English" framework document. We have, therefore, confined our observations to those issues in the English document that we feel could legitimately be described as cross-cutting.
2. In the light of the above, we make no comment on the work of Regional Management Boards and associated issues raised in Chapter 2 of the document that relate to resilience; collaboration on common services; procurement; control rooms and human resources. This is because we believe that these, and other, issues will be addressed in the Wales Framework in due course.
3. This Authority welcomes and supports the National Framework provisions in respect of:-
 - Integrated Risk Management Plans (paragraph 1.6)
 - Community Fire Safety (1.16)
 - Arson Reduction (1.23)
 - Building Regulations (1.27) – and would emphasise our belief that the provision of sprinklers leads to major improvements in safety levels, mitigation of fire damage and reduction of the impact of serious fires on communities as a whole both in financial and human terms.
 - Regulatory Reform Order (1.30) – we would be delighted to see more obvious progress on this issue.
 - Crown Premises (1.33)
4. Clearly, both New Dimension issues and the Firelink project are works in progress in which Wales is playing a significant role. We believe that his involvement should continue.

5. We support the principles outlined in Chapter 5 in respect of fire service staff although, again, the methods and structures will be driven through the Welsh Framework. We found, however, that the draft Appointments and Promotions Regulations (which have been the subject of a separate response) did not, in our opinion, address fully the objectives set out in paragraph 5.17 of Chapter 5 and look forward to a refining of the draft.
6. In respect of Chapter 6 – 8, we are again supportive of the principles detailed but remain mindful that their achievement may be via different methods once the aims of the Assembly become clearer via the Wales Framework. We would, subject to the wishes of the Assembly, expect to continue our long established support for the Fire Service College and to maintain our current position in Wales of being at the forefront of IPDS.
7. Finance and performance management issues will also have a Welsh dimension given that, for example, Welsh combined fire authorities are not precepting authorities and that the Assembly, we expect, will wish Welsh Fire and Rescue Authorities to be involved in the Wales Programme for Improvement rather than the Best Value/Comprehensive Performance Assessment regime.

Yours sincerely

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