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**Question 1:** Do you agree the objectives for reform are appropriate and important?

**Question 2:** Are there other objectives that the reform programme should pursue?

**Question 3:** Do you agree that FRAs should remain as separate and distinct entities, with the same boundaries as now?

**Question 4:** Do you agree that transferring control of fire and rescue services to Police and Crime Commissioners or local authorities would not be appropriate?

**Question 5:** Do you agree that there are legitimate but limited national interests in the Service that need to be reflected in its governance arrangements?

**Question 6:** Do you agree that local authorities should continue to nominate FRA members?

**Question 7:** Do you agree that local authorities should nominate one FRA member each, drawn from their cabinets?

**Question 8:** Do you believe any changes are needed to the law on the size and remuneration of council cabinets, to allow their members also to serve on FRAs?

**Question 9:** Do you agree that FRAs should also have non-executive members?

**Question 10:** Who should appoint non-executive members of FRAs?

**Question 11:** Do you agree that, in the longer term, responsibility for the service should vest in a statutory Chief Fire Officer, with FRAs fulfilling a scrutiny and oversight role? If so, would that require any change to membership arrangements?

**Question 12:** Do you have any other proposals for how to reform FRA governance which meet the criteria in Chapters 1 and 2?

**Question 13:** Do you agree that FRAs and local authorities should agree the level of FRA funding each year, with a reserve arbitration power for the Welsh Ministers?

**Question 14:** Do you agree that, in the longer term, FRAs should have powers to set a council tax precept, with the balance of their funding from Welsh Government grants?

**Question 15:** Do you have any other proposals for how to reform FRA funding which meet the criteria in Chapters 1 and 2?

**Question 16:** Do you agree that the performance management system for FRAs should be grounded in the National Framework for Fire and Rescue Services?

**Question 17:** Do you agree with the need for such a system to give FRAs flexibility on planning and reporting cycles, and on the sources of information about performance that they use?

**Question 18:** Do you agree that the Welsh Ministers should retain their duty to report to the Assembly about delivery of the Framework, and their powers of intervention?

**Question 19:** We would like to know your views on the effects that the policy proposals would have on the Welsh language, specifically on opportunities for people to use Welsh and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than English.

What effects do you think there would be?  How could positive effects be increased, or negative effects be mitigated?

**Question 20**: Please also explain how you believe the policy proposals could be formulated or changed so as to have positive effects or increased positive effects on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language, and no adverse effects on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language.

**Question 21**: We have asked a number of specific questions about FRA governance, finance and performance management. If you have any related issues which we have not specifically addressed, please use this space to report them:

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