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Location of New Dimension Equipment and Vehicles

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The Chief Executive of the County Council
The Clerk to the Fire and Rescue Authority
The Clerk to the Combined Fire and Rescue Authority
The Commissioner of the London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority
The Chief Fire Officer

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Summary

This circular provides information relating to the location of New Dimension equipment and vehicles, broken down by the Fire and Rescue Services (FRS) hosting these assets. It requests that each FRS confirm they are still in possession of all the assets as detailed in Annex A, or inform us where there are any disparities. This will help to inform the proposed Transfer of Ownership Agreement, in which CLG intends to legally transfer New Dimension assets to individual Fire and Rescue Authorities later this financial year.

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1.0 Background

- 1.1 The New Dimension programme, as a collaboration between Communities and Local Government (CLG) and the Fire and Rescue Service (FRS), has enhanced the ability of the FRS to respond to major disruptive events involving CBRN materials, collapsed or unstable structures, and to displace large volumes of water.
- 1.2 Through this programme a substantial amount of assets has been delivered to FRSs, including hundreds of vehicles and thousands of pieces of equipment. The purpose of this Fire Service Circular (FSC) is to ask FRSs to confirm that they are in possession of the New Dimension assets as detailed in Annex A.
- 1.3 FSC 26/2007 provided information on the Long Term Capability Management (LTCM) project of the New Dimension programme, which is responsible for putting in place management structures and systems to maintain the New Dimension capabilities in the long term. This Circular detailed the key aspects of the LTCM proposals including that Fire and Rescue Authorities (FRAs) take full and direct responsibility for the management of the New Dimension assets they accommodate from 1 April 2008. As part of this proposal, it is expected that FRAs will take on legal ownership of these new resilience assets.
- 1.4 The list of asset locations will therefore inform the proposed New Dimension Transfer of Ownership Agreement with individual FRAs.

2.0 List of Asset Locations

- 2.1 Attached at Annex A is a list of New Dimension vehicles and equipment that each FRS currently hosts and which will be transferred to their FRA. Each FRS will need to confirm that they still host the listed assets, or where it is believed there are any discrepancies, notification of this will need to be provided. Either way, a reply is requested by 17 September and should be sent to Fay Sowerby, whose contact details are provided above.
- 2.2 We are aware that the Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) Module 2 is currently being rolled out and many host FRSs will not have yet received this. Consequently Module 2 has not been included on the list at Annex A, and by confirming you hold the suite of USAR equipment, we appreciate that at this time, it refers to USAR modules 1, 3, 4 and 5 only. Additionally, we have not included the Command and Control vehicles on the list as these vehicles are still on the production line and their distribution is being finalised. Furthermore, the asset location list does not take in to account any of the equipment that is currently held temporarily by FRSs, which will be recovered by the New Dimension programme before the transfer of assets is enacted.
- 2.3 Once we have confirmed vehicle and module locations, we will be distributing complete equipment inventories for more detailed asset checks by FRSs.

3.0 Transfer of Ownership - Next Steps

- 3.1 CLG is currently in discussions with LGA, CFOA and the Fire Lawyers Network (FLN) on the draft Transfer of Ownership Agreement for New Dimension assets. Once we have incorporated their comments, we will be circulating a further draft of the Agreement to individual FRAs, via a Circular, to obtain views. We aim to publish this Circular early in September.
- 3.2 It is intended that legal transfer of ownership will be enacted by 1 April 2008.

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New Dimension Policy Advisor

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ANNEX A - New Dimension Asset Profile at Transfer of Ownership to FRAs

Fire & Rescue Authority	Vehicles			Modules									Training Rigs
	Incident Response Unit (inc. Fork Lift Truck)	Prime Mover	Detection, Identification & Monitoring Vehicle	Mass Decontamination De-robe	Mass Decontamination Re-robe	Mass Decontamination Special	HVP Pump Module	HVP Hose Module	USAR Module 1	USAR Module 3	USAR Module 4	USAR Module 5	Fork Lift Truck Training Rig
Avon	1	5	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	2
Bedfordshire and Luton	1	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Berkshire	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Buckinghamshire	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	0
Cambridgeshire	1	2	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Cheshire	2	2	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Cleveland	1	2	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Cornwall	2	2	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
County Durham and Darlington	1	2	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Cumbria	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Derbyshire	2	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	1
Devon and Somerset	3	7	0	1	1	0	2	2	1	1	1	1	1
Dorset	1	3	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
East Sussex	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Essex	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1
Gloucestershire	1	2	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Greater Manchester	2	3	1	1	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
Hampshire	1	7	1	3	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0
Hereford and	2	4	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0

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Worcester														
Hertfordshire	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Humberside	1	2	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Isle of Wight	0	2	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kent	2	7	1	3	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0
Lancashire	2	5	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0
Leicestershire	1	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1
Lincolnshire	1	4	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
London	10	23	2	3	2	0	6	6	4	4	4	4	4	1
Merseyside	1	5	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Norfolk	1	4	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0
North Yorkshire	1	2	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northamptonshire	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Northumberland	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Nottinghamshire	1	2	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Oxfordshire	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shropshire	1	2	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
South Yorkshire	1	2	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Staffordshire	2	2	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Suffolk	1	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Surrey	1	4	1	3	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Tyne and Wear	1	5	1	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	2
Warwickshire	1	2	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
West Midlands	3	6	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0
West Sussex	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	0
West Yorkshire	1	5	1	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	0
Wiltshire	1	2	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	65	151	17	33	13	1	44	44	20	20	20	20	20	22