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Fire Transformation Fund 2015-16: outcome of the competitive bid process

Dear Colleague,

I write to advise you on the outcome of your bids for fire and rescue transformation funding for 2015-16.

The funds are to deliver the types of transformative change identified by the Government in its Spending Round 2013 document, as well as opportunities identified by Sir Ken Knight in his independent review of efficiencies in the fire and rescue sector.

I am pleased to be able to inform you that your medium lot bid has been successful, with £4.47 million of the requested £4.50 million being awarded.

- £4,468,500 to merge existing stations into three new efficient fire stations, while protecting front line services by the introduction of on-call (retained) firefighter crewing at the three new sites. In addition the new sites will be shared with police and ambulance services.

The Department has today published a list of the winning bids on our web-site, also attached as a separate annex to this letter.

Payments of funds are expected to be made early in the financial year. As the funds are a key plank of the support which Government is giving to fire and rescue authorities to help them drive efficiencies and transformation change, we will want to judge the effectiveness of the funding and also to encourage project progress. The Department would therefore welcome an update on project progress at six monthly intervals.

To provide further impetus, transparency and good-practice sharing on transformative change associated with the funds, I would also encourage successful authorities to regularly place brief updates on progress on their own websites.

The Department will write to you again nearer that time to advise on payment details and the progress update form.

I am copying this letter to your Chief Fire Officer / Chief Executive.

PENNY MORDAUNT MP