

BY E-MAIL

31 October 2018

Dear Chief Fire Officer,

**Firefighters' Pensions – Scheme Advisory Board levy**

I am writing to advise of the scheme advisory board levy due for the 2018/2019 year.

Under the terms of the 2014 regulations [4H(2)] this levy will be defrayed to scheme managers at the following rate.

**2018/2019 year      £7.69 per active firefighter**

This levy of £7.69 is calculated based on a total SAB budget @ £363,772 / 33934 = £7.69 per active firefighter

As advised in my letter of September last year, the 2018/2019 return will be collected on the numbers of active firefighters disclosed with the 2017/2018 return. The total return for the 2017/2018 year confirmed there were 33,934 active firefighters.

In previous years the board levy also included an additional £2 levy for the adviser post. However, in order to simplify the budget and be clearer on costs, this post has been brought in under the statutory levy.

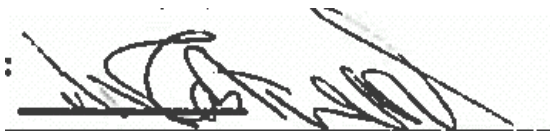
It is recognised that the proposed levy is an increase from the previous levy, however in setting the budget the objective was to look for cost savings to Fire Authorities and an improved service to members by reducing duplication and undertaking guidance and communications centrally. It is the opinion of the SAB that the budget for 2018/2019 as agreed by the minister will allow the SAB to provide increased centralised support. Feedback from Fire Authorities, is that the support from the SAB has been highly successful and has directly contributed to the increased efficiencies in running the pension scheme, and is highly appreciated by Fire Authorities.

**Please complete the attached form, including a valid purchase order number by 30 November 2018 in order to issue the invoice to your authority. Please ensure the PO is made out to the 'Improvement and Development Agency'.**

The 2019/2020 year will be collected on the numbers of firefighters disclosed with the 2018/2019 return.

If you have any questions, please contact the Scheme Advisory Board Secretariat on [bluelight.pensions@local.gov.uk](mailto:bluelight.pensions@local.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Malcolm Eastwood', written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and cursive.

Malcolm Eastwood, CBE, CStJ, QFSM, FIFireE.  
Chairman, English Firefighters' Pension Scheme Advisory Board

## Scheme Advisory Board Statutory Levy 2018/2019

<b>Name</b>	
<b>Job Title</b>	
<b>Fire and Rescue Authority</b>	
<b>Address</b>	
<b>Email address</b>	
<b>Telephone number</b>	
<b>Number of employees eligible to join one of the Firefighters' Pension Schemes as at 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018</b>	
<b>Purchase Order number, payable to the Improvement and Development Agency*</b>	

### Return to

Liz Cole, LGA, email [Liz.Cole@local.gov.uk](mailto:Liz.Cole@local.gov.uk)

\*In 2011 the Local Government Association and its associated companies integrated operations so that they in effect now operate as one organisation under one management structure, but for financial and legal purposes, we still need to transact through the legal company names. The budget for this work sits in the Improvement & Development Agency company and as such all purchase orders/invoices/contracts/agreements need to be addressed accordingly.