

Meeting of the Board 30th November 2016

ITEM 5

Update on budget and provision of secretariat

Current Position

1. The minister has approved the submitted board budget of £136,062.50, which includes the provision for a full time post with LGA to provide board secretariat support and act as communications officer.
2. In order to collect the monies from Fire Authorities, LGA need a signed agreement between LGA and the Firefighters' Pension Scheme (England) Advisory Board. This is going through the relevant legal channels to be drafted.
3. Once the agreement has been signed and the process put in place to collect the monies from FRAs, LGA can begin the recruitment process for the full time post.
4. The budget paper submitted to the minister had an indicative amount of £4.05 per firefighter member, based on figures provided by GAD at March 2015 which confirmed there were 33,611 active firefighters.
5. As the exact numbers of firefighters at 1st October 2016 are unknown, I propose to invoice the FRAs at a rate of £2.07 per active firefighter from the period 1st October. This is based on an estimated current total of 33,000 active firefighters, and any adjustments will be credited in the 2017/2018 year.
6. The minister agreed to bring the technical adviser role, which is £2 per firefighter within the levy. This will be included in the levy from 1st April 2017.
7. The 2017/2018 year will be collected on the numbers of firefighters disclosed with the 2016/2017 return.
8. For the 2016/2017 year, the levy and agreement will commence from 1st October, which allows the board to cover estimated salary costs, full expenses for the board and have £32,000 for the board's use before the end of the financial year.

9. The levy will be defrayed to scheme managers at the following rates.

2016/2017 year	£2.07 per active firefighter
2017/2018 year	£6.12 per active firefighter

Board decision

10. The board are asked to agree the proposals.

Board Secretary
27th November 2016