

Communities and Local Government received a request for the following information:

- the exact 'cut-over' dates from the current local Fire Control Rooms within each English Fire and Rescue Service to the new nine Regional Fire Control Centres;
- following 'cut-over' will the new RCCs cost the local Fire and Rescue Services/Authorities any additional costs? and
- details of all work and activity that is currently carried out in each local English Fire Control Room that will be transferred directly to the new RCC following 'cut-over'? If this work and activity is not transferred to the new RCCs then provide the full detail.

In response the Department provided the following information:

- the Department does not currently have exact cut over dates for Fire and Rescue Services. The precise timing of cutover will be determined with FRSs and Control Centres closer to go-live;
- the Business Case indicated that no FRS is expected to incur a net additional cost as a result of the cut-over to the Control Centre network. Further details are available in Section 5 and Appendix Y of the FiReControl Full Business Case available at

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/fire/firecontrolfullbusinesscase>

As with all current government projects in today's financial climate, Firecontrol is under ministerial review. The Government is committed to ensuring value for money for the taxpayer and looking for the best ways to ensure this can be achieved; and

- all activities related to the core call handling and mobilisation functions are expected to be undertaken by the Control Centre network following cut-over. Currently control rooms undertake a wide variety of activities which are not part of the core Control Centre scope. To inform the future costs and savings for individual FRSs an assessment was undertaken prior to the publication of the last Full Business Case. The outcome of this assessment is included in Appendix W – the address is detailed below:

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/publications/fire/firecontrolfullbusinesscase>.

It is for individual FRSs to decide how these out-of-scope activities are provided in the future, although it may be that the Control Centres will - by local agreement - also undertake some of these activities on behalf of one or more FRSs.