

FIREFIGHTERS' PENSION SCHEME

NEW FIREFIGHTERS' PENSION SCHEME (NFPS)

BLUEPRINT

1. Version 5 of the Blueprint has now been circulated and appears on the ODPM website.
2. This version has been sent to ODPM lawyers as instructions for drafting the NFPS Order. The draft Order will be the subject of further consultation and discussion with the Committee.
3. The aim remains to bring the NFPS into operation for firefighters joining the Fire and Rescue Service from April 2006.
4. The definition of pensionable pay for RDS firefighters has still to be finalised. See FPC(06)6.
5. The FPC has discussed the qualifying period for entitlement to pension and the Blueprint sets this out as 3 months, which has been requested and supported by FPC members. The Addendum to FPC(06)1 set out the implications for the scheme member of the NFPS adopting either 3 months or 2 years as the qualifying period. FBU were to submit further comments on this issue.
6. FPC members are invited to note.

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