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Title of consultation

Putting the sector back in balance: Consultation on proposals for PR19 business plans

Organisation

OFWAT

London Fire Brigade welcomes the opportunity to respond to the above consultation and would like to make the following comments.

We have discussed the consultation with colleagues who are part of the National Fire Chiefs Council (NFCC) Water Forum, there are no direct responses to the questions identified within the consultation paper. However, fire and rescue services welcome this initiative as, if left unchecked, PR19 may have a negative impact on the costs for essential services, particularly the provision and maintenance of statutory fire hydrants.

The performance in delivering this service has been very poor across the water companies for a number of years so it is a concern as to how shareholder dividends and the performance related element of executive pay are determined and what impact they have on the charges fire and rescue services pay.