
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

Section 21 of the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004 (“the Act”) requires the Welsh Ministers to prepare a Fire and Rescue National Framework (“Framework”), which must set out priorities and objectives for fire and rescue authorities in Wales and may provide guidance. Fire and rescue authorities must have regard to the Framework in carrying out their functions.

Article 2 of this Order substitutes the Fire and Rescue National Framework for Wales 2012 for the Fire and Rescue National Framework for Wales 2008-2011.

The Fire and Rescue National Framework for Wales 2012 has effect from 20 April 2012. Copies of the Fire and Rescue National Framework for Wales 2012 may be obtained from Fire and Armed Services Branch, Welsh Government, Rhyd y Car, Merthyr Tydfil, CF48 1UZ. It was published on the Welsh Government website (<http://wales.gov.uk/topics/housingandcommunity/safety/publications/framework2012?lang=en>) on 27 March 2012.

The Welsh Ministers' Code of Practice on the carrying out of Regulatory Impact Assessments was considered in relation to this Order. As a result, a regulatory impact assessment has been prepared as to the likely costs and benefits of complying with this Order. A copy can be obtained from the Fire and Armed Forces Branch, Welsh Government, Rhydycar, Merthyr Tydfil, CF48 1UZ or by calling 0300 062 8254.