



Fire Sector Federation



Fire safety professionals working in partnership to shape future policies and strategies within the UK Fire Sector



What is the FSF?

The Fire Sector Federation brings together organisations which work with or within the built, natural, fire and rescue and national resilience environments in the UK to expertly consider issues of common interest.



About the Fire Sector Federation

The Fire Sector Federation (FSF) seeks to give voice to and exert influence in shaping future policy and strategy related to the UK Fire Sector.

The Federation is a not for profit non-government organisation established to act as a forum for the benefit of its membership and to evolve as a central source of information on all aspects relating to fire. Originally formed in 2011 as the Fire Sector Partnership, the Fire Sector Federation, as it became known in May 2012, brings together representatives from a range of stakeholders which make up the UK Fire Sector.

The FSF aims to secure a safer society from fire and to facilitate the development of an informed fire sector through original research and objective analysis

The FSF meets regularly in open forum, bringing together the broad knowledge, experience and skills that exist across the sector, with the intent of maximising effective use of this accumulated expertise with the aim of improving the safety of the nation. It seeks to articulate unambiguously, opinions and advice on behalf of the unified sector for the overall benefit of UK communities. It aims to improve communications and cooperation to help drive efficiency, common policy and common standards.

The FSF aims to share useful information, reduce barriers and improve communications between different areas of the industry. All partners within the FSF seek to contribute, through collaboration, coordination of effort, expertise and resource, to the UK's national preparedness, resilience, response, mitigation and recovery from fire.

“ The FSF aims to work in partnership to develop policy by providing a broad spectrum of opinion from the fire sector, releasing views and advice on behalf of the unified sector. It also aims to cut silo mentality in working practices by addressing both the built and natural environment, as well as fire and rescue service issues. ”

FSF Chairman Brian Robinson CBE

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Workstreams

The work of the FSF is divided into a number of focused workstreams which examine in detail issues considered to be of particular importance to the fire sector.

These workstreams are at the heart of the FSF, bringing together members with a particular interest or expertise to discuss and develop policy and actions and to produce industry guidance for wider dissemination, as necessary.

Ad-hoc and administrative workstreams will be set up, as necessary, to deal with transitory issues, such as the recent consultation on the FRS National Framework Document for England.

Workstreams have been established to consider:

- ▶ All Party Parliamentary Fire Safety and Rescue Group activities
- ▶ National Policy
- ▶ Cost of Fire
- ▶ Procurement of Goods and Services
- ▶ Enforcement
- ▶ Research and Statistics
- ▶ Fire Investigation
- ▶ Technical Guidance
- ▶ International Liaison
- ▶ Technology
- ▶ Workforce Development

Membership

Membership of the Fire Sector Federation is open to any organisation able to demonstrate a legitimate interest in the built, natural, fire and rescue service or national resilience environments.

Members include trade bodies such as the Fire Industry Association, the Association for Specialist Fire Protection and the British Automatic Fire Sprinkler Association; enforcement and firefighter representatives including the Chief and Assistant Chief Fire Officers' Association, the Fire Brigades' Union, the Association of Building Engineers and the Building Control Alliance; and fire safety organisations such as the Fire Protection Association, the Institute of Fire Safety Managers and the Institution of Fire Engineers.

For further information about the FSF, or to apply for membership, visit the FSF website: www.firesectorfederation.co.uk or tel: +44 (0)1608 812543; email: admin@firesectorfederation.co.uk



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