

Fire and rescue performance framework 2006/07

Key dates in the performance framework

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Table 1 Key dates in the fire and rescue performance framework 2006/07

Key activities, dates and deadlines

Date	Activity/Key stage
July 2006	Fire and rescue performance framework 2006/07 published including: - Direction of travel key lines of enquiry (KLOE) - Fire and rescue guide to service assessment
July to September 2006	VFM conclusion work (part of annual audit requirements)
August 2006	Publication of: - Use of resources KLOE - Use of resources and direction of travel self assessment guidance Use of resources value for money profile tool issued, including provisional 2005/06 BVPI data pack
August 2006	Use of resources (themes 1 to 4) fieldwork can commence
End September 2006	Report to those charged with governance issued, covering auditors' work under the Code of Audit Practice.
16 October 2006	Value for money and direction of travel self assessment returned to FRA Relationship Manager
Late November 2006 to January 2007	Use of resources (theme 5 - value for money) and direction of travel field work
Early January 2007	Final 2005/06 BVPI data pack issued
Late February 2007	Fire and rescue service assessments published for all FRAs
Late March 2007	Fire and rescue performance framework results published for all FRAs Annual audit and inspection letter published

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