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Mid Year Annual Efficiency Statements Due 17 November 2007 Are No Longer Required

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The Clerk to the Fire and Rescue Authority
The Clerk to the Combined Fire and Rescue Authority
The Commissioner of the London Fire and Emergency Planning Authority
The Chief Fire Officer**

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Summary

This circular is to inform all Fire and Rescue Authorities that mid year annual efficiency statements due on the 17 November 2007 are no longer required. The next annual efficiency statement submission will be the backward look 2007/08 which is due 8 July 2008 and should be entered via the esd-toolkit.

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1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The Annual Efficiency guidance issued by the Department states that Fire and Rescue Authorities are required to submit mid-year update AESs on 17 November. Those who have “Excellent” status under CPA have previously been invited to submit a mid-year update. However the Department will not be requiring AESs from councils this November so for consistency and to lighten the reporting requirement on FRAs, we have decided to do the same the Fire and Rescue Authorities. This year no Fire and Rescue Authority is required to submit a mid-year update in November. The next AES submission will be the 2007/8 backward look which is due by 8 July 2008 and should be entered via esd-toolkit.
- 1.2 Any queries on the AES guidance or process should be sent to taliam.watson@communities.gsi.gov.uk.

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