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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2012 No. 2879**

**FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES, ENGLAND**

**The Bedfordshire Fire Services (Combination Scheme) (Variation) Order 2012**

*Made* - - - - *15th November 2012*  
*Laid before Parliament* *20th November 2012*  
*Coming into force* - - *17th December 2012*

This Order is made in exercise of the powers conferred by section 4(4) of the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004<sup>(1)</sup>.

In accordance with section 4(5) of that Act the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government has consulted the authorities and any other persons he considers appropriate and in accordance with section 4(7)(a) of that Act he has obtained the agreement of the appropriate authorities to the making of this Order.

The Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government makes the following Order:

**Citation, commencement and interpretation**

1.—(1) This Order may be cited as the Bedfordshire Fire Services (Combination Scheme) (Variation) Order 2012.

(2) This Order shall come into force on 17th December 2012.

(3) In this Order, “the Authority” means the authority constituted by the Bedfordshire Fire Services Combination Scheme, as brought into effect by, and set out in the Schedule to, the Bedfordshire Fire Services (Combined Scheme) Order 1996<sup>(2)</sup>.

**Variation of the Bedfordshire Fire Services Combination Scheme**

2.—(1) The Bedfordshire Fire Services Combination Scheme is varied as follows.

(2) In Part 2 of the Schedule, in paragraph 4(1) for “an authority to be known as the Bedfordshire and Luton Combined Fire Authority” substitute “an authority to be known as the Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Authority”.

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(1) 2004 c. 21 (“the 2004 Act”). Section 4 of the 2004 Act applies to a scheme which was made under section 6 of the Fire Services Act 1947 (c. 41) which was in force immediately before the repeal of that section by the 2004 Act. By virtue of section 4(2) of the 2004 Act, a scheme to which section 4 applies continues to have effect despite that repeal.

(2) S.I. 1996/2918.

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**Consequential and transitional provisions**

3. The change of the Authority's name arising out of the provisions of this Order shall not—
- (a) affect any right or obligation of any person; or
  - (b) be taken as invalidating any instrument (whether made before, on or after the day on which this Order comes into force) which refers to the Authority by its previous name,
- and all documents or instruments which refer to the Authority by its previous name shall be construed as referring to it under its new name.

15th November 2012

*Brandon Lewis*  
Parliamentary Under Secretary of State  
Department for Communities and Local  
Government

## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order varies the Bedfordshire Fire Services Combination Scheme (as set out in the Schedule to the Bedfordshire Fire Services (Combined Scheme) Order 1996), with the effect that the Bedfordshire and Luton Combined Fire Authority becomes known as the Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Authority. It makes continuity provisions to ensure that no right or obligation of any person is affected, nor any instrument invalidated, as a result of the change in name, and provides that references to the previous name are to be construed as references to the new name.