

*These notes refer to the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004  
(c.21) which received Royal Assent on Thursday 22 July 2004*

# **FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICES ACT 2004**

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTES**

### **BACKGROUND**

4. The main purpose of this Act is to deliver a modernised Fire and Rescue Service that responds to the particular demands of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.
5. The Act repeals the Fire Services Act 1947.
6. It gives effect to the majority of proposals that require primary legislation in the White Paper *Our Fire and Rescue Service*, published on 30th June 2003.
7. The White Paper was a Government response to *The Independent Review of the Fire Service* carried out by Sir George Bain and his team, whose report was published on 16<sup>th</sup> December 2002.