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cc: All Local Council Chief Executives

3 June 2010

Dear Mr Jones,

Re: Fire & Rescue Services (NI) Order 2006 Fire Safety Regulations (NI) 2010

Thank-you for your letter dated 29 April 2010 advising NILGA that the Board of Northern Ireland Fire & Rescue Service (NIFRS) has determined to devolve its function in relation to fire in licensed premises, under Article 33(5) of the above Order.

In response, NILGA has obtained an officer view on the issues from the Local Government Licensing Forum (please see attached) and this view was supported at the NILGA Executive on 14 May 2010.

It has been agreed that, in principle, NILGA support these proposals, however, it should be noted that further work is necessary to ensure an agreed protocol or Memorandum of Understanding is drafted to ensure effective working with the Board.

Should you have any queries on this, please do not hesitate to contact me at the NILGA offices.

Yours Sincerely,

Nora Winder
Acting Chief Executive