No.37 - Fire Brigade Strikes

The Fire Brigades Union (FBU) has confirmed that Fire fighters in England and Wales will go on strike on 25 September in a row over pensions.

The main walkout is due to take place between noon and 16:00 on this date though you will have to check locally if there are any alternative dates / times set in your areas.

Although it has been stated that fire fighters will attend any major incidents or confirmed fires during this period it is advisable that you are particularly vigilant and consider what, if any, additional control measures you may need to consider during this period.

Current / additional measures you may want to implement and or review are as follows:

**Smoking** – Ensure that we continue to restrict smoking to the outside of our buildings and in designated areas that are visible to staff at all times.

**Contractors or Maintenance Work** - It is advisable to discourage any hot works by contractors during this period.

**Staff Information** - Advise staff of the situation and request that they remain extra vigilant during this period.

**Fire Management** - Do continue to ensure that your fire checks and procedures are maintained and are up to date.

For further guidance please contact your SHE Advisor

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Individuals/Groups Affected – All Staff