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Dear Desmond

Performance assessment update.

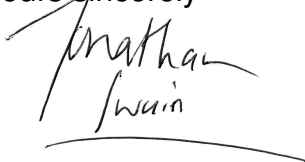
I am writing to inform you that an update to the fire and rescue performance assessment scorecards will take place on the 25 May 2007 and will include the outcome of your authority's direction of travel assessment.

Your authority will now be assessed as **improving well** having demonstrated **fair** overall performance in 2005. This information is under embargo until Friday the 25 May 2007. We ask very strongly that the embargo is respected and anything you issue has the same reporting restriction.

Please find attached your authority's updated scorecard.

Should you have any queries regarding this process, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely



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