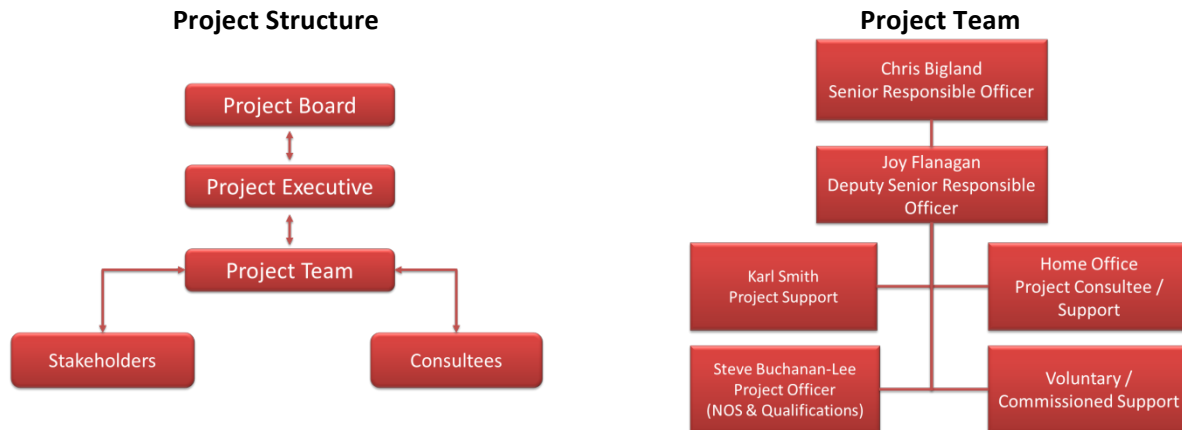


## Frequently Asked Questions - April 2017



### What will the project team do?

Building on the research completed so far, they will develop and deliver a business case by September 2017 with options for the formation of a professional standards body for the fire and rescue services.

#### The project team will:

- Identify and collate existing standards
- Recommend a scrutiny and approval mechanism for new and existing standards
- Explore and recommend models for how the body will operate, be funded and staffed
- Consult and engage with stakeholders throughout the project

#### The project team will not:

- Develop or amend any standards (This will be a role for the newly established body post September)
- Establish the professional standards body
- Create a work plan for the body
- Appoint or recruit staff

#### What approach will they take?

After initial planning, the proposed phases of work are as follows:

- Consolidation & completion of research
- Options for the operational model including governance, finance, staffing
- Methodology for standards setting / reviewing with appropriate scrutiny and approval process
- Development of the business case (including a period of consultation)

#### What are the next steps?

To gather information on standards and qualifications currently in use from all fire and rescue services and from the wider sector to develop a national picture.

To identify all stakeholders and identify appropriate channels of communication