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ALL MEMBERS

FBU RULE BOOK CHANGE – EXTENSION TO FBU MEMBERSHIP CATEGORIES.

Dear Brother/Sister,

Members will be aware that the FBU Annual Conference took place in Southport last week and at Conference a number of important issues were debated and decided upon. There will be a number of all member circulars circulated from the FBU Office informing members of those resolutions and rule changes over the next couple of days and this one is to inform members of an important debate and agreed rule change effectively opening up membership of the FBU wider than was permitted prior to the rule change.

The rule change resulted in an addendum to rule 3(1) which resulted in the inclusion of the words '*and such other categories of employees as determined by the Executive Council.*' The Executive Council moved the Rule Change and Conference accepted and agreed the proposal. The rule change was agreed for a number of reasons but now allows employees who may be employed outside the NJC Rolemaps but determined by the Executive Council as appropriate to become members of the FBU. The amended rule now reads as follows:

Rule 3 (1)

OBJECTS OF THE UNION

(1) To organise all those employed under the National Joint Council Scheme of Conditions of Service for Local Authorities Fire and Rescue Services and such other categories of employees as determined by the Executive Council.

Some members will be aware of the Brigade Officials enquiry to the President a number of months ago, as to whether members of the marine rescue unit would be eligible for membership of the Union; the answer then was that it would be unlikely given the rule as it then stood. With the amended rule now in place it is entirely possible that the Executive Council would now approve such categories of workers as appropriate to become FBU members.

Yours in unity

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