



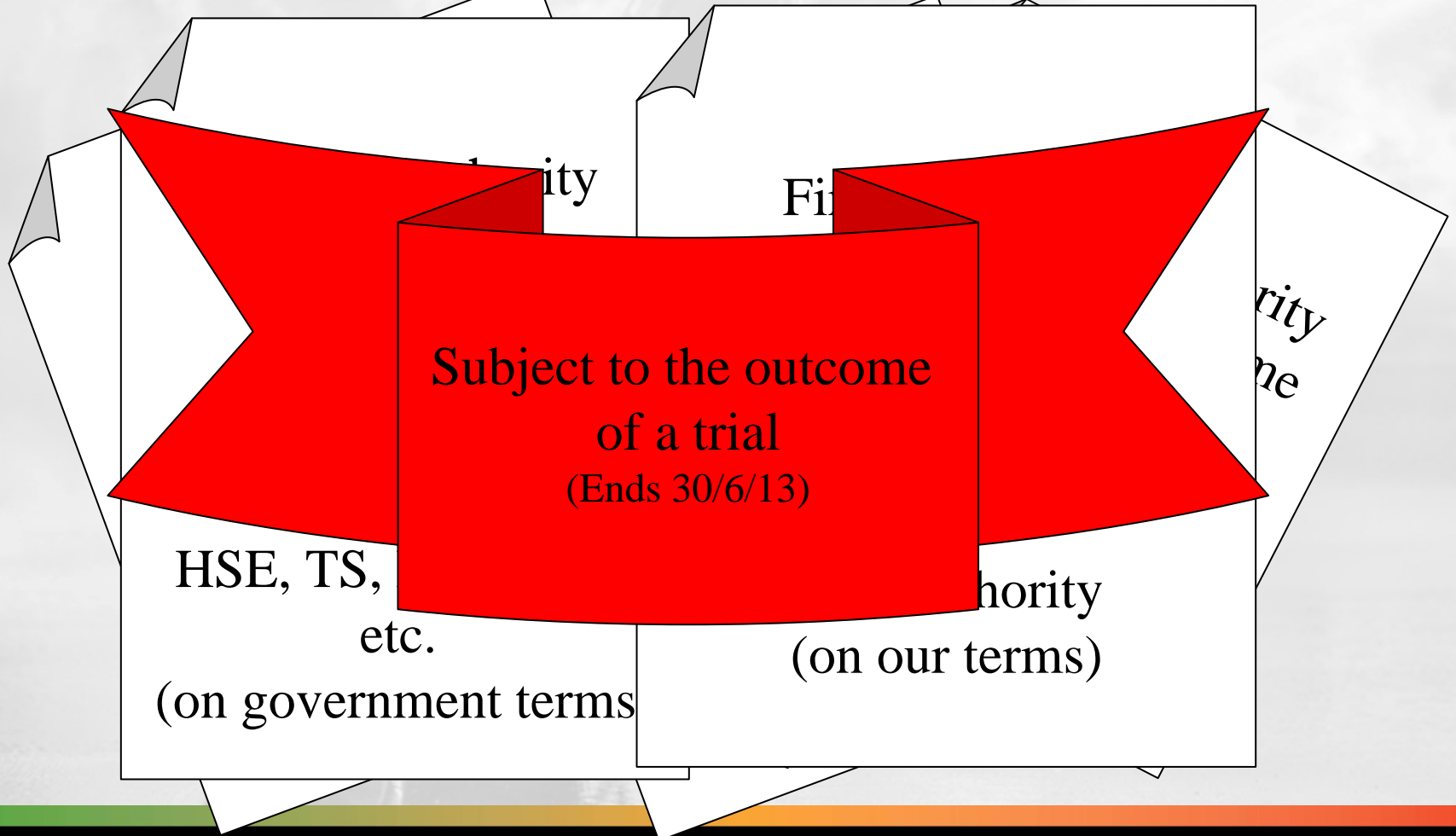
Fire Matters – What's New/Changed?

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Presentation

- Topic areas
 - Partnership working
 - Audit review
 - Local changes (in WMFS)
 - Others?
- Rules
 - Ask questions
 - Interaction

Background to Fire Partnerships



Deliverables from Partnerships

Partnership
SPOC

Best / Good
Practice advice

Enforcement
issues

Value added:
Fire-based value engineering
No added burdens/burden relief

- Assured advice
- Inspection plans
- Assured information

PAS / FAPS

- Application
 - England / (UK).
 - Businesses over two or more boundaries.
 - Assured advice and inspection plans / assured information (includes above and more).
- Operation
 - Fire Authority advise – partner keeps responsibility.
 - Reviews of organisation, strategy, policy, etc.
 - No added burdens / plus efficiencies and cost savings.
 - Check compliance / understand your way of working.

Not Just an Enforcer

Agree work
National influence
Your level of 'compliance'
Simplify practices
Business friend
Honesty essential

Simply compliant ...
Or
Gold Standard?

Audit review

- ‘Hot on the press’
 - My views – not necessarily those of others
- Current audit process
 - Based on:
 - Proforma
 - Compliance with legislation
 - Early understanding of fire law
 - Lengthy and time consuming / hard on business

Audit review₂

- ‘Jonathan’s’ proposed audit process
 - Based on:
 - The provision of safety in case of fire
 - Measuring general fire precautions
 - Supporting officers if all appears ‘satisfactory’
 - Using the audit form to audit ‘why fire safety failures were found’
 - Supporting business and the growth agenda

Changes to Fire Safety within WMFS

- Economic challenge
- Fewer officers
- Closure of fire safety centres
- Centralisation of functions at HQ
- Auditors to spend more time auditing

Any other topics to discuss or
any questions?



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