"No Strings" Pay Rise for Firemen

THE National Joint Council for Local Authorities' Fire Brigades announced today that an' 8s.-a-week pay rise from June 28 is to be recommended for firemen, leading firemen and sub-officers.

The recommendation follows discussion between both sides of the Council. It is subject to ratification by the Council on July 18 and to approval by the Secretaries of State.

The Cost

Firemen will get £10, rising to £12/5s., a week after 14 years' service. Leading Firemen £12/8s., rising to £12/16s., and Sub-Officers £13, rising to £14.

The cost is estimated at £400,000 a year. The employees claimed £1 a week.

The Joint Council say: "While there are no strings attached to the agreement, the employers have advised the employees' side that they do not expect to see any more claims unless there has been a `substantial change in circumstances."

Talks will start soon on a claim for officers.