

**Governance, Audit and Scrutiny Committee**  
**17 July 2017**

**Report by the Corporate Planning &  
Performance Manager**

## **ANNUAL STATEMENT OF ASSURANCE 2016/17**

### **REPORT EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Fire and Rescue National Framework for England (2007) sets out a requirement for Fire and Rescue Authorities to provide annual assurance, based upon the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) Guidance on Statements of Assurance for Fire and Rescue Authorities in England (2013), and show they have had due regard to the expectations set out in their Integrated Risk Management Plan and the requirements included in the Framework.

The areas covered are Financial Assurance, Governance Assurance and Operational Assurance.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That Members take assurance from the statement presented and make any comments to the Fire Authority as necessary.

## REPORT DETAIL

2. The Annual Statement of Assurance 2016/17 can be viewed in Appendix 1.

## STRATEGIC PLAN COMPATIBILITY

3. Not applicable.

## FINANCIAL/RESOURCES/VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

4. None directly arising.

## LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5. None directly arising.

## EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT/HR IMPLICATIONS

6. None directly arising.

## CORPORATE RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

7. This Statement demonstrates compliance with The Fire and Rescue National Framework for England (2007).

## HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

8. None directly arising.

## COMMUNICATION ACTIONS ARISING

9. This Statement will be published on the HFRS website following approval by the Fire Authority.

## DETAILS OF CONSULTATION AND/OR COLLABORATION

10. The CFO/Chief Executive has been consulted in the preparation of this Statement.

## BACKGROUND PAPERS AVAILABLE FOR ACCESS

11. As stated in Appendix 1.

## RECOMMENDATIONS RESTATED

12. That Members take assurance from the statement presented and make any comments to the Fire Authority as necessary.

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