

## ANNUAL STATEMENT OF ASSURANCE 2013/14

### SUMMARY

1. 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.
2. The areas covered are financial assurance, governance assurance and operational assurance.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

3. That Members approve publication of the Annual Statement of Assurance for 2013/14.

### REPORT DETAIL

4. The Annual Statement of Assurance 2013/14 can be viewed in Appendix 1.

### STRATEGIC PLAN COMPATIBILITY

5. The Annual Statement of Assurance 2013/14 supports the achievement of the Authority's Strategic Plan objectives.

### FINANCIAL/RESOURCES/VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

6. None directly arising.

### LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

7. None directly arising.

### EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT/HR IMPLICATIONS

8. None directly arising.

### CORPORATE RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

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

### HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

10. None directly arising.

### COMMUNICATION ACTIONS ARISING

11. The Annual Statement of Assurance will be published following approval by the Fire Authority.

#### DETAILS OF CONSULTATION

12. The Corporate Management Team have been consulted in the preparation of this Statement.

#### BACKGROUND PAPERS AVAILABLE FOR ACCESS

13. As stated in Appendix 1.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS RESTATED

14. That Members approve publication of the Annual Statement of Assurance for 2013/14.

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