

**Governance, Audit and Scrutiny Committee  
5 March 2018**

**Report by Chairperson and  
Monitoring Officer/Secretary**

**UPDATE: MATTERS ARISING/  
FEEDBACK FROM FIRE AUTHORITY**

**REPORT EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Governance, Audit and Scrutiny Committee has previously agreed that it would be desirable to receive feedback from meetings of the Authority, particularly where the Committee had made recommendations to the Authority. The report also draws attention to matters considered by the Authority at its meeting on 12 February 2018 which may be of interest to this Committee.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The Committee is asked to consider this report.

## FEEDBACK FROM THE FIRE AUTHORITY

2. The following summarises the consideration given by the HFA at its meeting on 12 February 2018 to the draft minutes of the meeting of the GAS Committee held on 29 January 2018.

Minute	Feedback/Update
<u>Scrutiny Programme 2017/18 – Business Continuity Update</u> (Minute 5704 refers) - The Committee agreed - That the report be received	The HFA in receiving the minutes noted the decision.
<u>Public Sector Audit Appointments (PSAA) – Report on the Results of Auditors’ Work 2016/17: Local Government Bodies</u> (Minute 5706 refers) - The Committee agreed - That the report be noted.	The HFA (Minute 5729 refers) agreed - That the report be noted.
<u>Public Sector Audit Appointments (PSAA) – Appointment of External Auditors 2018/19</u> (Minute 5707 refers) - The Committee agreed - That the report be noted.	The HFA (Minute 5730 refers) agreed - That the report be noted.
<u>Management Accounts to 31 December 2017</u> (Minute 5708 refers) - The Committee agreed - That Members take assurance from the report and the Authority’s financial position for the period ending 31 December 2017.	The HFA (Minute 5731 refers) agreed - That Members take assurance from the report and the Authority’s financial position for the period ending 31 December 2017.
<u>External Audit Plan 2017/18</u> (Minute 5709 refers) – The Committee agreed - That the Audit Plan 2017/18 be noted.	The HFA (Minute 5727 refers) agreed - That the Audit Plan 2017/18 be approved.
<u>Technical Update</u> (Minute 5710 refers) – The Committee agreed - That the report be noted.	The HFA (Minute 5728 refers) agreed - That the report be noted.
<u>Internal Audit Update</u> (Minute 5711 refers) - The Committee agreed - That the Committee notes Internal Audit progress against the 2017/18 plan as set out in Appendix 1 to the report.	The HFA in receiving the minutes noted the decision.
<u>Fair Funding Review: A Review of Relative Needs and Resources – Technical Consultation</u> (Minute 5712 refers) – The Committee agreed - That the report be noted	The HFA (Minute 5735 refers) agreed - (a) That the information be noted, and (b) that the Executive Director Service Support/Section 151 Officer will circulate draft a response which will be emailed to Members’ for comments prior to submission before the March 2018 deadline.
<u>Implementation of the General Data Protection Regulations</u> (Minute 5713 refers) - The Committee agreed - That the report be received.	The HFA in receiving the minutes noted the decision.
<u>Update on Public Safety</u> (Minute 5714 refers) - The Committee agreed - That Members note the content of this report and take assurance from the approach taken to inform the review of Public Safety.	The HFA in receiving the minutes noted the decision.

3. The Committee's attention is also drawn to other matters considered by the HFA at its meeting on 12 February 2018 which may be of interest to this Committee, as set out below:

Item	Feedback/Update
<u>2018/19 Precept and Medium-Term Financial Plan 2018/19 to 2021/22</u> (HFA Minute 5732 refers)	The HFA agreed - That Members approve the 2018/19 precept at a level 2.95% higher than the 2017/18 level and approve the updated Appendices A, B, C and D as set out in Appendix 1 to these minutes.
<u>Members' Allowances</u> (HFA Minute 5734 refers)	The HFA agreed - That Members' allowances be frozen at their current level for 2018/19 as set out in Appendix 2 to these minutes.
<u>Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Services (HMICFRS) Consultation On Fire &amp; Rescue Services Inspection</u> (HFA Minute 5736 refers)	The HFA agreed -That Members approve the Service's consultation response to Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services (HMICFRS).
<u>Fire and Rescue National Framework for England – Government Consultation</u> (HFA Minute 5737 refers)	The HFA agreed - That Members endorse the draft Humberside Fire Authority consultation response included in the body of the report and at Appendix 2 to the report subject to the following revisions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Governance – Amend to read – “There should be reference to Combined Fire Authorities made up of locally elected Members”.</li> <li>• Diverse Workforce – to be reworded for clarification.</li> </ul>
<u>Dame Judith Hackitt Review - Interim Recommendations</u> (HFA Minute 5738 refers)	The HFA agreed - That the report be noted and that update reports be submitted to future meetings of the Authority.
<u>Gender Pay Gap Report</u> (HFA Minute 5739 refers)	The HFA agreed - (a) That Members note the content of the Gender Pay Gap information and narrative at Appendix 1 to the report and approve its publication; and (b) that Members note the requirement for further work to be undertaken in relation to supporting women to progress through the Service, which will in turn decrease the Gender Pay Gap, and (c) that a progress report be submitted in 6 months' time incorporating comparative data published by other fire/police authorities.
<u>Absence Management</u> (HFA Minute 5740 refers)	The HFA agreed - That Members note the content of the report and the updated Action Plan and take assurance from the actions taken and planned in the HR Directorate to improve the management of absence and the support offered to staff who are unwell.
<u>Use of Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act (RIPA) 2000</u> (HFA Minute 5741 refers)	The HFA agreed - That Members are assured appropriate arrangements are in place should use of the powers under the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act (RIPA) 2000 be necessary.

STRATEGIC PLAN COMPATIBILITY

4. None arising directly.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCES/VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

5. As outlined above.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

6. As outlined above.

EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT/HR IMPLICATIONS

7. None arising.

CORPORATE RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

8. None arising.

HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

9. None arising.

COMMUNICATION ACTIONS ARISING

10. None.

DETAILS OF CONSULTATION AND/OR COLLABORATION

11. None.

BACKGROUND PAPERS AVAILABLE FOR ACCESS

12. None.

RECOMMENDATIONS RESTATED

13. The Committee is asked to consider this report.

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