

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

**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 26 June 2017 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 26 June 2017 to the draft minutes of the meeting of the GAS Committee held on 16 June 2017. The Authority received the minutes of the Committee. The Authority approved the following recommendations of the Committee and passed the following resolutions regarding reports that had been considered by the Committee.

Minute	Feedback/Update
<p><u>Term of Office of Members of the Governance, Audit and Scrutiny Committee</u> (Minute 5489 refers) – The Committee was informed that a report was to be submitted to the Authority on 26 June 2017. The Committee agreed - That the report be noted.</p>	<p>The HFA (Minute 5519 refers) agreed - (a) That, subject to the agreement of the individual Members, the period of appointment of all of the Independent Co-opted Members of the Governance, Audit and Scrutiny Committee be extended to 31 March 2019 to ensure continuity of the Committee, and (b) that a review is carried out prior to September 2018 to consider the potential for a joint committee with the PCC's office.</p>
<p><u>Annual Statement of Accounts 2016/17 - Unaudited</u> (Minute 5493 refers) – The Committee agreed - That Members take assurance from the accounts presented</p>	<p>The HFA (Minute 5512 refers) agreed - That Members – (a) take assurance from the Accounts presented; (b) approve the Capital Programme 'slippage' at paragraph 7 of the report; and (c) approve the position on Reserves as at 1 April 2017.</p>
<p><u>Treasury Management Annual Report 2016/17</u> (Minute 5494 refers) - The Committee agreed - That Members take assurance from the Treasury Management activities undertaken during 2015/16 and the Prudential Indicators as outlined in paragraphs 12 and 13 and detailed in Appendix 1 to the report.</p>	<p>The HFA (Minute 5513 refers) agreed - That Members take assurance from the Treasury Management activities undertaken during 2016/17 and the Prudential Indicators as outlined in paragraphs 14 and 15 and detailed in Appendix 1 to the report.</p>
<p><u>Anti-Fraud and Corruption Statement 2016/17</u> (Minute 5495 refers) – The Committee agreed - That subject to clarification of the matters now raised this Committee recommends the draft Anti-Fraud and Corruption Statement for 2016/17 to the Fire Authority for approval.</p>	<p>The HFA (Minute 5514 refers) agreed - That, subject to minor adjustments being made by the Executive Director Service Support/ Officer to reflect the comments made by the GAS Committee, the Authority approve the Anti-Fraud and Corruption Statement for 2016/17.</p>
<p><u>Annual Report Re.Declarations of Interest Registers and Gifts, Hospitality and Sponsorship Registers</u> (Minute 5496 refers) - The Committee agreed - That a further report be submitted to the meeting of the Committee in September 2017 at which meeting the Members will consider whether they are assured by the outcome of the review.</p>	<p>The HFA in receiving the minutes noted the decision.</p>

Minute	Feedback/Update
<u>Public Safety Light Touch Peer Review Outcomes (Minute 5497 refers)</u> – The Committee agreed - That this item be deferred until the next meeting of this Committee on 17 July 2017 and that a briefing meeting for Members of this Committee be held with the Director of Public Safety following that meeting, and that Members of this Committee will decide after the briefing upon the scope and timing of a further report.	The HFA in receiving the minutes noted the decision. See separate item on the Agenda for this meeting

3. The Committee's attention is also drawn to other matters considered by the HFA at its meeting on 26 June 2017 which may be of interest to this Committee, as set out below:

Item	Feedback/Update
<u>Draft Equality and Inclusion Annual Report 2017 for Consultation (HFA Minute 5515 refers)</u>	The HFA agreed - (a) That Members approve the Equality and Inclusion Annual Report, and (b) that a progress report be submitted in six months' time.
<u>Absence Management (HFA Minute 5516 refers)</u>	The HFA agreed - That Members note the content of the report and take assurance from the actions taken in the HR Directorate to improve the management of absence and the support offered to staff who are unwell. See separate report on the Agenda for this meeting.
<u>Selective Licensing in Local Authorities (HFA Minute 5517 refers)</u>	The HFA agreed - (a) That Members note the work undertaken so far; (b) that Members support the development of Selective Licensing Schemes within Local Housing Authorities, and (c) that a progress report be submitted to a future meeting of the Authority.

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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