

Governance, Audit and Scrutiny Committee
15 June 2015

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 most recent meeting of the Authority 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 to the draft minutes of the meeting of the GAS Committee held on 13 April 2015.

Minute	Feedback/Update
<u>GAS Member – Service Delivery Familiarisation</u> (Minute 4807 refers) – The Committee noted that it was intended that Members would be contacted regarding possible dates for a visit to Service facilities in order to give an insight into the work of the Service.	The HFA in receiving the minutes noted the Committee's decision.
<u>Use of Delegated Powers Under Fire Authority Constitution by Chief Fire Officer & Chief Executive</u> (Minute 4808 refers) – The Committee agreed that the report be noted and that the Committee takes assurance that the Scheme of Delegations has been properly exercised.	The HFA agreed that the report be noted and that Members take assurance that the Scheme of Delegations has been properly exercised.
<u>Management Accounts to 28 February 2015</u> (Minute 4809 refers)	The HFA took assurance from the report and the Authority's financial position based on the period ending 28 February 2015.
<u>Internal Audit Update</u> (Minute 4810 refers) - The Committee agreed (a) That the Committee notes the progress with the 2014/15 Internal Audit Plan, and (b) that the Committee receives the Director of Audit Opinion for 2014/15 in advance of this progressing to the Authority and informing the AGS.	The HFA agreed that Members note the Director of Audit Opinion for 2014/15.
<u>Draft Annual Governance Statement 2014/15</u> (Minute 4811 refers) – The Committee agreed that the draft Annual Governance Statement for 2014/15 be noted and Members confirm that they have sufficient assurance on the Authority's governance arrangements.	The HFA agreed that the Annual Governance Statement for 2014/15 be approved.
<u>Performance Reporting and Service Performance Indicators 2015-16</u> (Minute 4812 refers) – The Committee agreed that Members' welcome the new format performance report cards for all future quarterly reports and note the change in numbering for Service SPIs to align with Strategic Objectives as set out in Appendix 1 to the report now submitted.	The HFA agreed that Members approve: (i) the new format performance report cards for all future quarterly reports; (ii) the change in numbering for Service SPIs to align with Strategic Objectives as set out in Appendix 1 of this report, and (iii) the 2015/16 baseline figures in Appendix 2 to the report.

3. The following summarises matters considered by the HFA on 27 April 2015 which may be of interest to this Committee.

Item	Feedback
<u>Term of Office of Members of the Governance, Audit and Scrutiny Committee</u> (HFA Minute 4828 refers)	The HFA agreed that the period of appointment of the following four Independent Co-opted Members of the Governance, Audit and Scrutiny Committee, namely: Mr M Allingham, Mr D Chapman, Mrs A J Thomlinson and Mr C Vertigans be extended for a further 3 year term from the end of April 2015 to the end of September 2018.
<u>Customer Service Excellence Award</u> (HFA Minute 4832 refers)	The HFA agreed that Members acknowledge the retention of the Award and take assurance from the on-going commitment to Customer Service Excellence.
<u>HFR Solutions – Governance Arrangements</u> (HFA Minute 4836 refers)	The HFA agreed that the report be noted and be considered further by Members in July 2015.

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

11. None.

BACKGROUND PAPERS AVAILABLE FOR ACCESS

12. None.

RECOMMENDATIONS RESTATED

13. The Committee is asked to consider this report.

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