

Governance, Audit and Scrutiny Committee
14 October 2013

Report by
Secretary/Director of People

**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.

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 report presented by the Chairperson of the Governance, Audit and Scrutiny Committee and the draft minutes of the meeting of the GAS Committee held on 16 September 2013:

Minute	Feedback/Update
<p><u>Accountability of Chief Fire Officer</u> (Minute 4255 refers) - The Committee agreed that the Chairperson will supply the Secretary/Director of People with a note confirming the Committee's views for referral to the Members' Group considering the matter</p>	<p>The Authority had previously agreed that a process should be formalised regarding the review of the performance of the Chief Fire Officer & Chief Executive and that the Chairperson and Group Secretaries consider the matter and bring back their recommendations to the September 2013 meeting of the Authority. On 16 September 2013 the Authority agreed that Group Secretaries meet and that the Member Day on 4 October 2013 may present an opportunity to do so.</p>
<p><u>External Audit Progress Report and Technical Update</u> (Minute 4258 refers) – The recommended to the Authority that this Committee considers it would be helpful for future reports to include current technical issues.</p>	<p>The Committee's view was endorsed by the Authority.</p>
<p><u>Review and Tendering - Internal Audit Services</u> (Minute 4264 refers) - The Committee recommended that the Fire Authority commences a tender process to secure Internal Audit Services for a three year period (with the option of a two year extension) from 1 April 2014.</p>	<p>The Authority approved the composition of the Evaluation Panel, which includes the Chairperson of Governance, Audit and Scrutiny Committee.</p>

STRATEGIC PLAN COMPATIBILITY

3. None arising directly.

FINANCIAL/RESOURCES/VALUE FOR MONEY IMPLICATIONS

4. As outlined above.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5. As outlined above.

EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT/HR IMPLICATIONS

6. None arising.

CORPORATE RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

7. None arising.

HEALTH AND SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

8. None arising.

COMMUNICATION ACTIONS ARISING

9. None.

DETAILS OF CONSULTATION

10. None.

BACKGROUND PAPERS AVAILABLE FOR ACCESS

11. None.

RECOMMENDATIONS RESTATED

12. The Committee is asked to consider this report.

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