

Governance, Audit and Scrutiny Committee
11 April 2016

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 7 March 2016.

| Minute | Feedback/Update |
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| <p><u>Scrutiny Work Programme 2015/16 – Collaboration Review – Scrutiny Initiation Document</u> (Minute 5042 refers) – The Committee agreed - (a) That the Committee approves the scoping document for the Collaboration review now submitted, and (b) that the aim will be to submit the initial scrutiny outcomes report to this Committee and the Authority in October 2016.</p> | <p>The HFA in receiving the minutes noted the Committee's decision.</p> |
| <p><u>Human Resources: Update Report</u> (Minute 5043 refers) – The Committee agreed - (a) That the Committee notes the update report, and (b) that when available the report on the detailed evaluation of the implementation and operation of the Firewatch system be submitted to this Committee.</p> | <p>The HFA in receiving the minutes noted the Committee's decision.</p> |
| <p><u>Pay Policy Statement 2016-17</u> (Minute 5045 refers) – The Committee agreed - That it be a recommendation to the Fire Authority that the draft Pay Policy Statement for 2016/17 attached at Appendix 1 to the report now submitted be approved.</p> | <p>The HFA agreed that the Pay Policy Statement for 2016/17 attached at Appendix 1 to the report now submitted be approved.</p> |
| <p><u>Members' Allowances 2016/17 – Review of Special Responsibility Allowance for Vice Chairperson of the Fire Authority</u> (Minute 5046 refers) – The Committee agreed – That this item be deferred to the next meeting of this Committee when consideration will be given to a scrutiny initiation document respect to the scoping of the proposed Members' Allowances review.</p> | <p>The HFA in receiving the minutes noted the Committee's decision.</p> <p>See separate item on the Agenda for this meeting.</p> |
| <p><u>Treasury Management And Capital Expenditure Prudential Indicators, Treasury Management Policy Statement 2016/17 And Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) For 2016/17</u> (Minute 5047 refers) – The Committee agreed - That Members take assurance from the Prudential Indicators for Treasury Management and Capital Expenditure at paragraphs 12 and 13, the MRP calculated for 2016/17 at paragraphs 15-19 and Appendices 1, 2 and 3 of the report now submitted as the basis for the Authority's Treasury Management activities in 2016/17.</p> | <p>The HFA agreed that Members approve the Prudential Indicators for Treasury Management and Capital Expenditure at paragraphs 14 and 15, the MRP calculated for 2016/17 at paragraphs 17-21 and Appendices 1, 2 and 3 of the report now submitted as the basis for the Authority's Treasury Management activities in 2016/17.</p> |

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| <u>Internal Audit Update</u> (Minute 5048 refers) – The Committee agreed - (a) That the Committee notes the progress against the 2015/16 Internal Audit Plan and issues arising and that Members take significant assurance from the report, and (b) that the Committee supports the proposed Internal Audit Plan 2016/17 prior to its submission to the Fire Authority for approval. | The HFA agreed that the Internal Audit Plan 2016/17 be approved. |
| <u>Service Performance And Risk Report End of the 3rd Quarter 2015/16 – 1 April 2015 – 31 December 2015</u> (Minute 5049 refers) – The Committee agreed that the Committee takes assurance as to the Service's proactive approach to performance and risk management. | The HFA agreed that Members take assurance as to the Service's proactive approach to performance and risk management and that Members' thanks be conveyed to all involved. |
| <u>Health, Safety and Environmental Quarterly Report – 3rd Quarter 2015/16 – October – December 2015</u> - (Minute 5049 refers) – The Committee agreed that the report be accepted. | The HFA agreed that Members' appreciation of the positive outcomes contained in the report be recorded. |

3. The following summarises matters considered by the HFA on 18 March 2016 which may be of interest to this Committee.

| Item | Feedback |
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| <u>The Composition of the Fire Authority 2015/16 – Update</u> (HFA Minute 5062 refers). | The HFA agreed that Members note the revised composition of the Authority for 2015/16. |
| <u>Equality and Inclusion – Update and Member Nomination</u> (HFA Minute 5066 refers). | The HFA agreed that Members note the ongoing work on Equality and Inclusion and that Councillor Hodgson be appointed to the Equality and Inclusion Group (EIG). |
| <u>Operational Efficiency Programme Consultation Outcomes</u> (HFA Minute 5069 refers). | The HFA agreed - (a) That Members consider the outcomes of the consultation at the Member Day to be held on 31 March 2016, and (b) that Members receive a report with officer recommendations for final decision at the meeting of the Authority to be held on 25 April 2016. |
| <u>Exempt Item – East Hull Integrated Care Centre</u> (HFA Minute 5071 refers). | The HFA agreed that the report be noted. |
| <u>Exempt Item – Service Redesign Programme (SRP)</u> <u>Transactional Administration Review – Outcomes from Consultation</u> (Minute 5072 refers). <u>Early Voluntary Release</u> (Minute 5073 refers). | The HFA agreed that Members approve the implementation of the Transactional Administration model following the formal consultation process. The HFA agreed that Members approve the use of £630k from the Service's Change Management Reserve or the current year's underspend to fund the supported EVR applications. |

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| <u>Exempt Item – Emergency Services Mobile Communications Programme (ESMCP)</u> (HFA Minute 5074 refers). | The HFA agreed that Members note the report and the Service's intention to transition to the new Emergency Services Network. |
| <u>Exempt Item – Collaboration Update</u> (HFA Minute 5075 refers). | <p>The HFA received an oral update with regard to the following items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Government Consultation - Enabling Closer Working between the Emergency Services – The Government's Response. • Discussion regarding the development of a full business case for a potential merger between North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Authority and Humberside Fire 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

11. None.

BACKGROUND PAPERS AVAILABLE FOR ACCESS

12. None.

RECOMMENDATIONS RESTATED

13. The Committee is asked to consider this report.

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