

Governance, Audit and Scrutiny Committee
2 March 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 2 February 2015.

Minute	Feedback/Update
<p><u>Scrutiny Programme 2014/15 – Human Resources: Part 1: Advisory and Transactional Services & Part 2: Succession Planning</u> (Minute 4740 refers)</p> <p>– The Committee took assurance from the Service’s approach to Human Resources and Succession Planning and noted that the Member Working Party will take away the information now provided and will feedback their views to the next meeting of this Committee.</p>	<p>The HFA in receiving the minutes noted the Committee’s deliberations on this scrutiny item.</p> <p>The requested Scrutiny Report is included on the Agenda for this meeting (Item 5 refers).</p>
<p><u>Management Accounts to 31 December 2014</u> (Minute 4742 refers)</p>	<p>The HFA took assurance from the report and the Authority’s financial position based on the period ending 31 December 2014.</p>
<p><u>2014/15 Annual Accounts Closedown Timetable</u> (Minute 4743 refers) - The Committee agreed that the timetable attached to the report now submitted gives assurance that the Fire Authority has robust plans in place to produce the Annual Accounts by the required deadlines.</p>	<p>The HFA in receiving the minutes noted the Committee’s decision.</p>
<p><u>Draft External Audit Plan 2014/15</u> (Minute 4744 refers) - The Committee noted the draft Audit Plan 2014/15.</p>	<p>The HFA in receiving the minutes noted the Committee’s decision.</p>
<p><u>Internal Audit Update</u> (Minute 4745 refers) - The Committee noted the progress with the 2014/15 Internal Audit Plan and the consultation timeframe and planned approach for the 2015/16 Internal Audit Plan.</p>	<p>The HFA in receiving the minutes noted the Committee’s decision.</p>

3. The following summarises matters considered by the HFA on 16 February 2015 which may be of interest to this Committee.

Item	Feedback
<p><u>2015/16 Budget and Precept and Medium-Term Financial Plan 2015/16 to 2017/18</u> (HFA Minute 4759 refers)</p>	<p>The HFA approved Option 1: Freeze the 2015/16 precept at the 2014/15 level and approve Appendices A1, B, C1 and D1 to the report.</p>

<u>Fees and Charges 2014/15</u> (HFA Minute 4760 refers)	The HFA approved the revised charges shown in the Appendices A and B to the report.
<u>Members' Allowances 2015/16</u> (HFA Minute 4761 refers)	The HFA agreed that the allowances be frozen at their current level for 2015/16.
<u>Senior Management Review</u> (HFA Minute 4762 refers)	The HFA approved, commencing 1 April 2015: (a) the structure outlined at Appendix 1 to the report to be made permanent; (b) the deletion of one uniformed ACO post from the Service establishment, and (c) the recognition of the post(s) of 'Director' in the structure of the Corporate Management Team.
<u>Service Redesign Programme – Incident Command and Specialist Functions Review – Consultation Outcomes and Options for Implementation</u> (HFA Minutes 4763 and 4764 refer)	The HFA (a) approved the implementation of the options outlined in paragraph 11 of the report, from those that have been consulted upon; (b) endorsed that the Chief Fire Officer & Chief Executive will initiate an incremental implementation of any approved options at an optimum time in line with the retirement profile, and (c) agreed that progress reports will be brought before the Authority as appropriate.
<u>Possible Relocation of East Hull Fire Station</u> (HFA Minute 4765 refers)	The HFA (a) endorsed the work being undertaken by officers to establish if there is merit in relocating East Hull Fire Station; and (b) agreed that a further report, outlining costs, benefits and risks, be submitted to Members for consideration as to whether the Authority would approve, subject to planning considerations, the relocation of East Hull Fire Station within the Integrated Health Care facility.

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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