

Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority

Standards and Governance Committee

Item 6

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Annual Governance Report 2011/12

Report by the Chief Officer

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1. Summary

- 1.1 Attached to this report, in Appendices 1 and 2, are the Audit Commission's Governance Report and draft Annual Audit Letter for 2011/12. They report the results of the audit of the Authority's financial statements, and the work undertaken to assess arrangements in place to secure value for money.
- 1.2 The Audit Commission will issue an unqualified audit opinion on the Authority's Statement of Accounts and have concluded that we have proper arrangements for securing economy, efficiency, and effectiveness in the use of our resources.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 That the Committee receives the HFRA Annual Governance Report 2011/12 and:
 - (i) notes the adjustments to the financial statements detailed on page 14 of the Annual Governance Report and,
 - (ii) considers the letter of management representation on behalf of the Fire Authority.

3. Introduction

- 3.1 At the previous meeting of this Committee in June 2012, the Audit Commission Plan was presented, providing details of the work proposed for the audit of the financial statements for 2011/12. It explained that a Value for Money conclusion would be produced and detailed the criteria upon which this would be based.
- 3.2 The audit work is now complete and the results reported in the Annual Governance Report which is attached as Appendix 1.

4. Resource implications

- 4.1 Appropriate financial resources have been made available to fund the cost of the 2011/12 audit fee.

5. People impact assessment

- 5.1 The proposals in this report are considered compatible with the provisions of the equality and human rights legislation.

Background information (Section 100D of Local Government Act 1972)

The following documents disclose the facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and has been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of the report:

Annual audit fee letter 2011/12

Appendix 1 - Annual Governance Report

Appendix 2 - Draft Annual Audit Letter