

**Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority**

**Standards and Governance Committee**

**Item 6**

**25 September 2014**

**External Audit Results Report 2013/14**

**Report by the Chief Officer**

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**1 Summary**

- 1.1 Attached to this report, in appendix 1, is the External Auditor's Audit results report for the year ended 31 March 2014. It summarises the findings from the audit of the Authority's financial statements, and the work undertaken to assess arrangements in place to secure value for money in our use of resources.
- 1.2 The Auditor proposes to issue an unqualified audit report on the financial statements, and has concluded that we have proper arrangements for securing economy, efficiency, and effectiveness in the use of our resources.

**2 Recommendations**

- 2.1 That the Committee receives the External Auditor's HFRA Audit Results Report for 2013/14.

**3 Introduction**

- 3.1 At a previous meeting of this Committee in April 2014, the Authority's External Audit Plan was presented, providing details of the work proposed for the audit of the financial statements for 2013/14. 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 substantially, complete and the results reported in the Audit results 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 2013/14 audit fee of £48,300.

## **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:

Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority Audit Plan Year ending 31 March 2013

Appendix 1 – Audit Results Report for year ended 31 March 2014