

Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority

Standards and Governance Committee

Item 11

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Internal Audit Pack – Cover Report

Report by the Chief Officer

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1 Summary

1.1 Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority is responsible for establishing and maintaining appropriate arrangements for:

- risk and performance management;
- assurance and control frameworks including anti-fraud and whistleblowing;
- financial management;
- achieving effectiveness and securing value for money; and
- governance

The purpose of internal audit is to provide reasonable assurance to Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority that necessary arrangements are in place and operating effectively.

1.2 This paper presents the following items:

- Appx A: Internal Audit Progress 15/16 Cover Report
- Appx B: Internal Audit Progress Report 15/16
- Appx C: Internal Audit Annual Report and Opinion 15/16 Cover Report
- Appx D: Internal Audit Annual Report and Opinion 15/16
- Appx E: Internal Audit Progress Report of Management Actions
- Appx F: Internal Audit Management Actions Glossary

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 The Committee notes the progress made towards the internal audit plan
- 2.3 The Committee accepts the Annual Opinion 15/16
- 2.4 The Committee notes the progress of the Management Actions

3 Contribution to corporate priorities and objectives

- 3.1 Implementation of internal audit recommendations assists the Authority in the improvement planning process, performance management framework, and in compliance with its governance arrangements. This in turn, assists the Authority in achieving its aim to be the best fire and rescue service in the country.

4 People Impact Assessment

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

5 Risk analysis

- 5.1 Failure to implement any internal audit recommendations clearly leaves the Authority vulnerable to the consequences of the identified risks and weaknesses in control. These progress reports are considered to be an important process within the Authority's Corporate Risk Management Strategy. They ensure that Members are fully aware of any problems associated with addressing the issues raised and the priority given to driving down or eliminating specific risks.

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:

None