

Hampshire Fire and Rescue Authority

Standards and Governance Committee

Item 8

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Internal Audit Activity

Reports of the Chief Internal Auditor and 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 within the Internal Audit Pack:

Appx A: Internal Audit progress report 2016/17

Appx B: Progress report on implementation of internal audit management actions

2 Recommendation

2.1 The Committee is recommended to consider the reports of the Chief Internal Auditor and the Chief Officer set out in Appendices A and B respectively, together with the specific recommendations contained within each report.

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.

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

- 6.1 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: