

WEST MIDLANDS FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

AUDIT COMMITTEE

10 SEPTEMBER 2012

1. **ANNUAL GOVERNANCE REPORT 2011/2012**

Joint report of the Chief Fire Officer and the Treasurer.

RECOMMENDED

THAT the content of the Annual Governance Report (AGR) be noted.

2. **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

This report is submitted to advise the Committee that the Audit Commission has produced the AGR. The AGR is submitted to inform the Committee of the audit work undertaken by the Commission and the findings as a consequence of this work.

3. **BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 The AGR sets out and reports the key messages arising from the audit work undertaken during the year. The AGR is designed to support the Auditor's opinions and conclusions and is a requirement of the Code of Audit Practice
- 3.2 Representatives from the Audit Commission will present and explain the findings detailed in the AGR to the Committee.
- 3.3 The AGR is attached as Appendix 1.
- 3.4 The AGR will be presented to Authority on 24 September 2012 as the body charged with governance. This will provide another opportunity for Audit Committee Members to feedback or ask questions of the Audit Commission following full consideration of the AGR.

4. **EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

In preparing this report an initial Equality Impact Assessment is not required and has not been carried out. The matters contained in this report will not lead to a policy change.

5. **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

The course of action recommended in this report does not raise issues which should be drawn to the attention of the Authority's Monitoring Officer.

6. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Statement of Accounts 2011/2012 located in the Financial Management Section.

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