

AUDIT AND PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

5 SEPTEMBER 2011

1. **ANNUAL GOVERNANCE REPORT 2010/2011**

Joint report of the Chief Fire Officer and 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 the findings detailed in the AGR to the Committee.
- 3.3 Due to the proximity of the Audit Commission completing the AGR and today's Audit and Performance Management Committee (APMC), it has not been possible to provide a copy of the AGR to Committee in advance of the meeting. However, a copy of the AGR will be provided at APMC meeting.
- 3.4 The AGR will be presented to Authority on 19 September 2011 as the body charged with governance. This will provide another opportunity for APMC 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 do not relate to policy change.

5. **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

The audit of accounts has been completed in accordance with the requirements of the Audit Committee Act 1988, the Code of Audit Practice issued by the Audit Commission and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland) issued by the Audit Practices Board.

6. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no direct financial implications arising in this report.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Statement of Accounts 2010/2011 located in the Financial Management Section

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