

WEST MIDLANDS FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE

11 NOVEMBER 2019

1. **CORPORATE RISK UPDATE**

Report of the Chief Fire Officer.

RECOMMENDED

THAT Audit and Risk Committee approve the removal of Corporate Risk 1.1.

2. **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

This update is provided to ensure Members remain informed about all aspects relating to the management of the Authority's corporate risks and to enable the effective and timely management to the Corporate Risk Register.

3. **BACKGROUND**

3.1 Corporate Risk 1.1 states:

Public Service Reform enables new duties and/or major changes to the governance, structure, role or activities of the Fire and Rescue Service requiring major re-organisation, resulting in an inability to deliver against organisational strategy and planned community outcomes.

In the Corporate Risk update provided to Members on 2 September 2019, Members were informed that in Quarter 1 2019/20 there was a decrease in Corporate Risk 1.1 External (Political and Legislative) Environment. This decreased from 6 (Likelihood 3 x Impact 2) to 2 (Likelihood 1 x Impact 2).

The change in The Plan 2019-2022 indicated at that time that there was limited risk of public service reform impacting on the delivery of strategy and core service delivery.

A recent review of this risk has recognised that the revision of the Authority's Strategy in February changed its approach to the development of locally commissioned work to support the wider prevention agenda, public service reform and the achievement of the financial efficiency plan. An impact of this was the need to adopt an approach to delivering front line services, flexibly enabling the management of resources on a daily basis to ensure the achievement of a balanced budget. This reduced the Authority's involvement in this activity and indeed the discontinuation of the transfer of governance reduced the reform of services for local communities.

This risk is no longer relevant at a strategic level. There is currently limited to no risk of public service reform impacting on the delivery of strategy, statutory and core service delivery.

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 a policy change.

5. **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no direct legal implications associated with the implementation of the recommendations set out in this report.

6. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no financial implications associated with the implementation of the recommendations set out in this report.

7. **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

None.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Corporate Risk Update to Audit Committee, 2 September 2019

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