

WEST MIDLANDS FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE

25 MARCH 2024

1. **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SENIOR INFORMATION RISK OWNER**

Report of the Chief Executive Officer

RECOMMENDED

THAT the Committee note the contents of the Annual Report of the Senior Information Risk Owner (SIRO) 2023.

2. **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

The annual report from the SIRO report is a planned publication that provides assurance in relation to how the organisation discharges its duties and responsibilities in relation to information governance.

3. **BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 The organisation has an existing Management of Information framework and supporting policies that define how information is managed within the organisation.
- 3.2 The digital transformation that the organisation has undertaken has delivered many benefits including increasing reliance on the underlying information systems, infrastructure and data.
- 3.3 The Annual Report from the SIRO provides further detail about performance against specific legislation such as the Data Protection Act 2018 but also to consider the wider risks and mitigations related to information governance.

- 3.4 Outcomes from internal and external audit are included in the report to provide additional assurance about information governance.

4. **EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

This is not required as this report does not impact any positive characteristics.

5. **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

It is considered best practice for organisations to provide assurance in relation to its performance reference information governance.

6. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Improved proactive information governance reduces the risk of regulatory action and monetary penalties from the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO).

7. **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

None

BACKGROUND PAPERS

[Annual Data and Governance Report to SIRO - 2023.docx](#)

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