

WEST MIDLANDS FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

AUDIT AND PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

26 MARCH 2012

1. CIPFA AUDIT COMMITTEE UPDATE NO. 7

Report of the Audit Services & Risk Management Manager
[Sandwell MBC].

RECOMMENDED

That the Audit and Performance Management Committee notes
issue 7 of CIPFA's Audit Committee Update.

2. PURPOSE OF REPORT.

- 2.1 To ask the Committee to note the publication and contents of issue
7 of CIPFA's Audit Committee Update.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 CIPFA continue to develop a series of briefing papers to support
public sector audit committee members and to provide a practical
resource for those who support audit committees. The update is
free to organisations subscribing to the CIPFA Better Governance
Forum. The update is published approximately three times a year.
Each one includes a main feature, together with pointers to new
developments or guidance that audit committee members may
need to be aware of. The focus for the seventh edition is
Assurance Planning, the risk outlook for 2012 and the Government
response to the future of local public audit consultation.

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 and/or do not relate to a policy change.

5. **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

The Accounts and Audit Regulations Act states that a relevant body must “maintain an adequate and effective system of internal audit of its accounting records and of its system of internal control in accordance with the proper internal audit practices”.

6. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

CIPFA Audit Committee Update – Issue 7

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