

WEST MIDLANDS FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

AUDIT COMMITTEE

10 JUNE 2012

1. INTERNAL AUDIT - RISK MANAGEMENT AUDIT REPORT

- 1.1 Report of the Audit Services Manager

RECOMMENDED

- 1.2 THAT the findings and recommendations of the Internal Audit report on risk management be noted.

2. PURPOSE OF REPORT.

- 2.1 To note the risk management audit report undertaken by Internal Audit in 2012/13.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 An annual internal audit review of the Authority's risk management arrangements has been undertaken. This took the form of a review of progress on recommendations made in the 2011/12 report.
- 3.2 We found that whilst good progress had been had been made in most areas, two significant recommendations had yet to be fully implemented. These are detailed in the attached report.

4. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 4.1 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**

- 5.1 The Authority is responsible for ensuring that its business is conducted in accordance with the law and proper standards, and that public money is safeguarded and properly accounted for, and used economically, efficiently and effectively. In discharging this overall responsibility, the Authority is responsible for putting in place proper arrangements for the governance of its affairs, facilitating the effective exercise of its functions, which includes arrangements for the management of risk.

6. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

7. **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

- 7.1 Internal Audit report – Risk Management

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