

**WEST MIDLANDS FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY**

**22 SEPTEMBER 2014**

1. **AUDIT FINDINGS 2013/2014**

Joint report of the Chief Fire Officer and the Treasurer.

RECOMMENDED

THAT the content of the Audit Findings Report (AFR) be noted.

2. **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

This report is submitted to advise the Authority that the Audit Commission has produced the AFR. The AFR is submitted to inform Members of the audit work undertaken by the external auditors and the findings as a consequence of this work.

3. **BACKGROUND**

3.1 The AFR sets out and reports the key messages arising from the external audit work undertaken during the year. The AFR is designed to support the Auditor's opinions and conclusions and is a requirement of the Code of Audit Practice.

3.2 Representatives from Grant Thornton will present and explain the findings detailed in the AFR to the Authority.

3.3 The AFR is attached as Appendix 1.

4. **EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

In preparing this report an initial Equality Impact Assessment is required and has not been carried out. The matters contained in this report will not lead to a policy change.

5. **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

The course of action recommended in this report does not raise issues which should be drawn to the attention of the Authority's Monitoring Officer.

6. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Statement of Accounts 2013/2014 located in the Financial Management Section.

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