

WEST MIDLANDS FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY
AUDIT COMMITTEE
9 JUNE 2014

1. **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE 2013/14**

Report of the Chair of the Audit Committee.

RECOMMENDED

That the Committee gives consideration to the content and format of its Annual Report 2013/14 for submission to the next full meeting of the Authority.

2. **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

This report is submitted to members to seek approval to the Annual Report of the Audit Committee 2013/2014.

3. **BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 In order for the Authority to be fully effective in comprehending and assessing the control environment within which West Midlands Fire Service operates, the Audit Committee present an annual report of its activities to the Authority.
- 3.2 A draft Annual Report for 2013/14 has been prepared by the Chair of the Audit Committee and is attached for comments by the Committee in preparation for submission of the report to the next Authority meeting.

4. **EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

In preparing this report an initial Equality Impact Assessment is not required and has not been carried out because the matters contained in this report do not relate to a policy change.

5. **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

The Authority has a duty under the Local Government Act 1999 to make arrangements to secure continuous improvement in the way in which its functions are exercised, having regard to a combination of economy, efficiency and effectiveness.

6. **FINANCIAL 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”.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Annual Internal Audit Report 2013/14.

Tersaim Singh
Chair of the Audit Committee