

WEST MIDLANDS FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

AUDIT COMMITTEE

14 NOVEMBER 2016

1. AUDIT COMMITTEE – SELF ASSESSMENT OF GOOD PRACTICE AND EFFECTIVENESS

Report of the Audit Services Manager [Sandwell MBC].

RECOMMENDED

THAT the Committee note the results of stage two of their self-assessment of good practice and effectiveness exercise and give consideration to the next steps.

2. PURPOSE OF REPORT.

- 2.1 To ask members of the Committee to note the results of stage two of their self-assessment of good practice and effectiveness exercise and use it to help inform any future training needs and exercises.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The Audit Committee has completed a Members knowledge and skills framework assessment, based on the model provided by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) in their Audit Committees – Practical Guidance for Local Authorities.
- 3.2 The assessment forms part of an overall review of the Audit Committee, again based around guidance Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) in their Audit Committees – Practical Guidance for Local Authorities. This includes three separate activities:

Self-assessment exercise

This has already been completed by the Audit Committee.

Members knowledge and skills framework

This has now been completed and the results will be considered at this meeting of the Audit Committee.

Evaluating the effectiveness

At the next meeting of the Audit Committee, the third and final part of the exercise evaluating the effectiveness of the committee will be undertaken.

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

Appendix A - Members knowledge and skills framework results

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