

WEST MIDLANDS FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

AUDIT COMMITTEE

6 JUNE 2016

1. CORPORATE RISK UPDATE

Report of the Chief Fire Officer.

RECOMMENDED

- 1.1 THAT Audit Committee approve the changes to the Corporate Risk Standing Order number 22/7 at Appendix 1.
- 1.2 THAT Audit Committee note and discuss the Audit Committee Corporate Risk Briefing at Appendix 2.

2. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 2.1 This report is submitted to request Member approval of the revised Corporate Risk Standing Order following changes to the Corporate Risk reporting process, which were approved by Audit Committee on the 11th April 2016.
- 2.2 As part of these changes the Audit Committee will receive 'Audit Committee Briefings' which will focus on a particular risk or risks, this may include a risk where there has been a change in the overall risk rating. This provides the Audit Committee with the opportunity to engage in and influence more open discussion regarding how the risk is being managed. A Corporate Risk briefing has been included as an appendix to this report for discussion by the Audit Committee. This briefing focuses on Corporate Risk 11.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 On the 11th April 2016 the Audit Committee approved to change the frequency of corporate risk reporting from four times to two times per municipal year.

However to ensure that Members are made aware of any significant changes to its corporate risks in a timely and effective way, it was also approved that the Audit Committee will be provided with regular updates upon specific risk issues as and when they emerge in the organisation. This approach will promote and enable Members to become more aware of specific risk critical issues in a timely way. It will also provide the opportunity for Members to discuss, critically challenge, shape and influence how the Service manages and controls its specific risks. Through this engaging and involving, Members will build their capability and understanding around risk management and will be provided with assurance as to the Service's arrangements for managing specific risks.

- 3.5 To support the implementation of this new approach across the Service, the Corporate Risk Standing Order 22/7 has been updated to reflect these changes and the changes being made internally to support the new approach. The revised Standing Order is set out in Appendix 1.
- 3.6 As part of this new approach a Corporate Risk Audit Committee Briefing has been included in this report for Member discussion. The Briefing focuses on Corporate Risk 11.
- 3.7 A further review of the current Corporate Risks is being carried out by officers. This review will consider if all of the risks are fit for purpose and current. Any proposed changes will be reported back to the Audit Committee at its meeting on 5 September 2016.

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 do not relate to a policy change.

5. **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no legal implications associated with the implementation of the recommendations set out in this report.

6. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no financial implications associated with the implementation of the recommendations set out in this report.

7. **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

None

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Frequency of Risk Reporting to Audit Committee, Audit Committee Report, 11th April 2016.

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