

WEST MIDLANDS FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

AUDIT COMMITTEE

11th January 2010

1. **INTERNAL AUDIT – INTERNET USAGE AUDIT REPORT**

Report of the Audit Services Manager.

RECOMMENDED

THAT the Internet usage Audit Report be noted.

2. **PURPOSE OF REPORT.**

2.1 To ask the Committee to note the issues raised from the internet usage follow-up audit undertaken by Internal Audit in 2009/10.

3. **BACKGROUND**

3.1 In June 2009, a report was presented on the internet usage audit in which six significant and five merits attention recommendations were made, resulting in a limited assurance opinion being given.

3.2 A follow-up audit has been conducted on the agreed action plan.

3.3 Two of the original recommendations (relating to misuse alerts) have now been withdrawn in recognition of the monthly review effectively covering this issue.

3.4 One recommendation (relating to generic log-in accounts) is in progress.

3.5 The other recommendations have satisfactorily been completed.

3.6 Just one new recommendation is made concerning the extension of the monthly review to include other blocked categories and excessive use.

This recommendation was discussed with management and appropriate actions agreed as shown in the report Action Plan.

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

None

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