

# **WEST MIDLANDS FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY**

## **AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE**

**11 NOVEMBER 2019**

### **1. AUDIT COMMITTEE UPDATE FOR WEST MIDLANDS FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY**

Report of the Treasurer.

RECOMMENDED

THAT the Committee note the content of the Audit Progress Report and Sector Update attached as an Appendix.

### **2. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

This update is provided to keep Audit and Risk Committee Members informed of the progress of the external auditor (Grant Thornton UK LLP) in delivering their responsibilities.

### **3. BACKGROUND**

3.1 In order to ensure that Audit and Risk Committee Members continue to remain informed on audit matters, the external auditor has provided an Audit Progress Report and Sector Update. It is the intention of the external auditor to provide an update at all Audit and Risk Committee meetings.

3.2 The update provides the Audit and Risk Committee with a report on Grant Thornton's progress in delivering their responsibilities as the Authority's external auditors.

3.3 Representatives from Grant Thornton will be in attendance at the meeting to discuss the reports with Members.

### **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 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**

The scale of fees for undertaking the Authority's external audit work for 2019/20 was set at £29,750.

7. **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no environmental implications arising from this report.

**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

None

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