

WEST MIDLANDS FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

AUDIT COMMITTEE

24 JULY 2017

1. AUDIT FINDINGS 2016/2017

Joint report of the Chief Fire Officer and the Treasurer.

RECOMMENDED

THAT the content of the Audit Findings Report (AFR) be noted.

2. PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report is submitted to advise the Audit Committee that Grant Thornton has produced the AFR. The AFR is submitted to inform Member of the audit work undertaken by the external auditors and the findings as a consequence of this work.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 The AFR sets out and reports the key messages arising from the external audit work undertaken during the year. The AFR is designed to support the Auditor's opinions and conclusions and is a requirement of the Code of Audit Practice.
- 3.2 Representatives from Grant Thornton will present and explain the findings detailed in the AFR to the Authority.
- 3.3 The AFR is attached as Appendix A.

4. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

In preparing this report an initial Equality Impact Assessment is required and has not been carried out. The matters contained in this report do not relate 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 West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority's external audit work for 2016/2017 is £38,636.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Statement of Accounts 2016/2017 located in the Financial Management Section.

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