

WEST MIDLANDS FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE

25 MARCH 2019

1. AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT AND SECTOR UPDATE

Joint report of the Chief Fire Officer and 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 report provides the Audit and Risk Committee with an update 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**

There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

7. **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no environmental implications arising from this report.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

None.

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