

WEST MIDLANDS FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE

7 DECEMBER 2020

1. **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SENIOR INFORMATION RISK OWNER**

Report of the Chief Fire Officer

RECOMMENDED

That the Committee are to note the Annual Report of the Senior Information Risk Owner (SIRO) (Appendix 1).

2. **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

This report provides the rationale for the planned publication of an annual report from the SIRO to provide assurance in relation to how the organisation discharges its duties and responsibilities in relation to information governance.

3. **BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 The organisation has an existing Management of Information framework and supporting policies that define how information is managed within the organisation.
- 3.2 The digital transformation that the organisation has undertaken has delivered many benefits including increasing reliance on the underlying information systems, infrastructure and data.
- 3.3 Across the public sector, many organisations produce an Annual Report from the SIRO to provide further detail about performance against specific legislation such as the Data Protection Act 2018 but also to consider the wider risks and mitigations related to information governance.

3.4 A PowerPoint presentation providing a summary of the Annual SIRO report has been produced, which can be found as Appendix 2.

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**

It is considered best practice for organisations to provide assurance in relation to its performance in relation to information governance.

6. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no financial implications arising as a result of the content of this report.

7. **ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

There are no environmental implications arising as a result of the content of this report.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Annual SIRO Report 2019

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