

WEST MIDLANDS FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

24 JUNE 2019

1. **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE
2018/19**

Report of the Chair of the Audit and Risk Committee.

RECOMMENDED

That the Authority receives Audit and Risk Committee's Annual Report 2018/19.

2. **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

This report is submitted to bring to the attention of the Authority the Annual Report of the Audit and Risk Committee 2018/2019.

3. **BACKGROUND**

- 3.1 In order for the Authority to be fully effective in comprehending and assessing the control environment within which West Midlands Fire Service operates, the Audit and Risk Committee present an annual report of its activities to the Authority.
- 3.2 The Annual Report for 2018/19 is attached as an Appendix for consideration by the Authority. The report was approved by the Audit Committee on the 3rd June 2019.

4. **EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

In preparing this report an initial Equality Impact Assessment is not required and has not been carried out because the matters contained in this report do not relate to a policy change.

5. **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

The Authority has a duty under the Local Government Act 1999 to make arrangements to secure continuous improvement in the way in which its functions are exercised, having regard to a combination of economy, efficiency and effectiveness.

6. **FINANCIAL 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”.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Annual Report of the Audit and Risk Committee 2018/19.

Chair of the Audit Committee