

LANCASHIRE COMBINED FIRE AUTHORITY

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Meeting to be held on 24 July 2018

INTERNAL AUDIT ANNUAL REPORT 2017/18 (Appendix 1 refers)

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Executive Summary

The attached report summarises the work performed by the Internal Audit Service during 2017/18.

The opinion of the Chief Internal Auditor is that the Committee can take substantial assurance that the Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service operates a generally sound system of risk management, governance and internal control.

Recommendation

The Committee is asked to note and endorse the report.

Information

The Internal Audit Annual Report summarises the work that the Internal Audit Service undertook during 2017/18 and the key themes arising from it. It provides an opinion on the overall adequacy and effectiveness of the systems of governance, risk management and internal control.

On the basis of programme of work for the year, the Head of Internal Audit can provide substantial assurance over the framework of governance, risk management and control for 2017/18. It is their opinion that there is a generally sound system of internal control, adequately designed to meet the objectives of Lancashire Combined Fire Authority and controls were generally applied consistently.

This opinion is based on the individual assurance levels they have provided for each of the individual audit reviews undertaken in 2017/18, as shown in the detailed report.

Financial Implications

None

Environmental Impact

None

Equality and Diversity Implications

None

Human Resource Implications

None

Business Risk Implications

The work of internal auditor is one of the key control measures in place within the Authority. As such the annual report provides an assurance to members that risks are being managed and controlled and feeds the Authorities overall assessment of the internal controls that operate within the service

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List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact
None		
Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate:		