

Lancashire Combined Fire Authority

Audit Committee

Meeting to be held on 25 July 2023

External Audit – Understanding How the Audit Committee Gains Assurance from Management (Appendices 1 and 2 refer)

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Executive Summary

In order to comply with International Auditing Standards, the External Auditors, Grant Thornton, need to establish an understanding of the management processes in place to prevent and detect fraud and to ensure compliance with laws and regulations. They are also required to make inquiries of both management and those charged with governance as to their knowledge of any actual, suspected or alleged fraud.

International Auditing Standards also place certain obligations on auditors to document Management's view on some key areas affecting the financial statements. In addition to the request to management, they also will need to gain an understanding of how those charged with governance maintain oversight of the above processes

As such the auditors have written to both management (the Executive Board) and the Chair of the Audit Committee requesting the relevant information.

A response has been prepared by the Executive Board, attached as appendix 1, and by the Chair of the Audit Committee, attached as appendix 2.

Decision Required

The Committee is asked to:-

- note and endorse the response submitted by the Executive Board
- approve the response for submission by the Chair of the Audit Committee.

Information

As stated in the Executive Summary

Financial Implications

None

Business Risk Implications

None

Environmental Impact

None

Equality and Diversity Implications

None

Human Resource Implications

None

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

List of background papers

N/a