

CHESHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

MEETING OF: GOVERNANCE AND CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE
DATE: 16TH NOVEMBER 2022
REPORT OF: TREASURER
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SUBJECT: REVIEW OF FINANCIAL REGULATIONS

Purpose of Report

1. This report presents an updated set of the Authority's Financial Regulations for consideration by the Committee

Recommended: That

[1] the Financial Regulations are noted

Background

2. The Authority's Financial Regulations are contained within the Authority's Constitution and are subject to regular review.

Information

3. The External Auditor's Annual Report 2020/21, considered by the Fire Authority at its meeting on 8th December 2021, recommended a closer alignment of the Authority's procurement practices with those of the Police. This will enable procurement to be delivered more efficiently by the joint procurement team and modernise the Authority's practices.
4. At that meeting, the Authority agreed to authorise the Chief Fire Officer and Chief Executive, Treasurer and Monitoring Officer to make changes to the Authority's Financial Regulations to effect the alignment.
5. Appendix 1 is the latest version of the Financial Regulations which have been revised accordingly. The Procurement section is shown in paragraphs 10.41 to 10.57 and has been completely rewritten.
6. Some minor changes have been made to the Regulations in accordance with the review process agreed in 10.5 of the Regulations, and these changes are shown in red in Appendix 1.

Financial Implications

7. This report is financial in nature.

Legal Implications

8. The Local Government Act 1972 requires that the Authority identifies a suitably qualified officer to be responsible for the financial affairs of the Authority. The use of Financial Regulations is one of the key methods by which they ensure that the Authority properly manages its financial activity.

Equality and Diversity Implications

9. There are no known Equality and Diversity implications.

Environmental Implications

10. There are no known environmental implications.

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