## CHESHIRE FIRE AUTHORITY

MEETING OF: CHESHIRE FIRE AUTHORITY

**DATE:** 18<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2018

REPORT OF: GRANT THORNTON, EXTERNAL AUDITORS

AUTHOR: HEAD OF FINANCE

SUBJECT: AUDIT FINDINGS REPORT 2017-18

## **Purpose of Report**

1. To present the 2017-18 audit findings of the external auditors Grant Thornton.

## **Recommended that:**

[1] the content of the Audit Findings Report 2017-18 be noted.

## Information

- 2. Under the International Standards of Auditing (UK) (ISAs), external audit are required to report whether, in their opinion:
  - the Authority's financial statements give a true and fair view of the Authority's financial position and of the group and Authority's expenditure and income for the year;
  - have been properly prepared in accordance with the CIPFA/LASAAC code of practice on local authority accounting and prepared in accordance with the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014; and
  - report on the value for money arrangements
- 3. the Audit Findings Report 2017-18, attached as Appendix 1, sets out the processes and checks Grant Thornton have undertaken together with their findings and opinions.
- 4. Representatives from Grant Thornton will attend the meeting to present the report and receive questions from Members.