

CHESHIRE FIRE AUTHORITY

MEETING OF: GOVERNANCE AND CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE
DATE: 10TH APRIL 2019
REPORT OF: DIRECTOR OF GOVERNANCE & COMMISSIONING
AUTHOR: CHRIS ASTALL

SUBJECT: STATEMENT OF ASSURANCE ACTION PLAN
17-18 - PROGRESS UPDATE

Purpose of Report

1. To present a progress update concerned with the matters contained in the Statement of Assurance 2017-18 Action Plan.

Recommended: That

- [1] Members note the attached progress update.

Background

2. The Fire and Rescue National Framework for England 2012 includes a requirement for fire and rescue authorities to, "...provide assurance on financial, governance and operational matters and show how they have had due regard to the expectations set out in their Integrated Risk Management Plan and the requirements included in this Framework." In order to do so authorities are required to publish a Statement of Assurance annually.
3. The Statement of Assurance 2017-18 also included the Annual Governance Statement which highlighted a small number of governance areas for improvement and an Action Plan was created.

Information

4. In early 2018 Governance and Constitution Committee was presented with the initial draft of the Statement of Assurance 2017-18 which highlighted a few areas for improvement.
5. Given the small number of improvements identified, it was agreed that Members would receive an update on progress every six months.

6. Members will find the Action Plan with progress status attached to this report as Appendix 1.

Financial Implications

7. There are no financial implications arising from this report.

Legal Implications

8. There are no specific legal implications arising from this report.

Equality & Diversity Implications

9. There are no differential impacts on any particular section of the community arising from this report.

Environmental Implications

10. There are no specific impacts on the environment arising from this report.

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BACKGROUND PAPERS:

Appendix 1 – Statement of Assurance Action Plan17-18 – Progress Update