



COMBINED FIRE AUTHORITY

14 JUNE 2019

NOTES OF THE AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE HELD ON 21 MAY 2018

REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE

Members Present: Cllr J Turnbull in the Chair
Cllrs B Avery, L Marshall and C Johnston

Apologies: Cllr D Bell (Cllr R Manchester attending) and C Dearden of Mazars

Purpose of the report

1. The purpose of this report is to provide members with an update of the discussions and recommendations of the Audit and Risk Committee held on 21 May 2019.

Corporate Governance Action Plan Update

2. The Committee were updated with the progress being made in relation to the actions arising from the corporate governance action plan. Members considered and discussed the findings and associated risks within the plan.

The Committee **noted** the report.

Corporate Risk Register update

3. Members were presented with the details of the corporate risk register as at 31 March 2019. There were eight risks on the risk register. Changes to the register were summarised and discussed.

The Committee **considered** and **noted** the report.

Internal Audit Progress Report

4. The Committee were updated on work undertaken by Internal Audit between 01 April 2018 and 31 March 2019. Progress against planned work, amendments to the annual audit plan and the audit recommendations were considered. It was noted that there were no reports issued with a limited assurance opinion and no unplanned work carried out this quarter. The summary of agreed target performance indicators was also considered.

The Committee **noted** the report.

Internal Audit Plan

5. Members were presented with the details of the internal audit plan for the period 01 April 2019 to 31 March 2020, which had been agreed with the service leadership team on 24 April 2019.

The internal audit plan will deliver 71 productive audit days in 2019/20, in line with the Service Level Agreement with the Authority. The scope of the planned audit reviews were explained to the Committee.

The Committee **agreed** the Internal Audit Plan for 2019/20.

PART B

Internal Audit Recommendations

6. Members discussed and considered the six medium priority recommendations overdue against the original target implementation dates. It was noted that target implementation dates have been agreed in all cases.

The Committee **noted** and **approved** the revised target dates set out.