



Safest People, Safest Places

Combined Fire Authority

17 September 2021

Statement of Assurance 2020/21

Report of Deputy Chief Executive

Purpose of Report

1. The purpose of this report is to provide members with the 2020/21 Statement of Assurance (SoA) for approval prior to publication.

Background

2. Guidance has been issued via the Fire and Rescue National Framework for England (2012) on the content of the SoA.
3. The approval and publication of a SoA is a National Framework requirement.

The Statement of Assurance (SoA)

4. The SoA forms part of the Authority's Assurance Framework and complements the Annual Governance Statement (AGS) which will be approved by the Audit and Finance Committee at the meeting held on 30 September 2021.
5. To avoid duplication, where assurances are provided by the AGS or other published governance documentation, a hyperlink reference has been made within the SoA as opposed to repeating information.
6. The 2020/21 SoA is attached at Appendix A.

Recommendation

7. Members are recommended to **approve** the 2020/21 Statement of Assurance.