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## **Combined Fire Authority**

**16 September 2024**

### **Statement of Assurance 2023-24**

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#### **Report of Deputy Chief Fire Officer**

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##### **Purpose of Report**

1. The purpose of this report is to provide members with the 2023-24 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 later in the year.
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 2023-24 SoA is attached at Appendix A.

##### **Recommendation**

7. Members are recommended to **approve** the 2023-24 Statement of Assurance.