



**DORSET & WILTSHIRE  
FIRE AND RESCUE  
AUTHORITY**

Item 19/07

MEETING	Finance & Governance Committee
DATE OF MEETING	7 March 2019
SUBJECT OF THE REPORT	Internal Audit Progress Report
STATUS OF REPORT	For open publication
PURPOSE OF REPORT	For approval
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	This report provides Members with an update on the progress of work against the recommendations made by Internal Audit, Gateway Assure. Good progress is reported as identified and detailed within Appendix A - Audit Improvement Plan.
RISK ASSESSMENT	Although a number of recommendations have been identified, none were judged to represent a significant risk to the Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority (the Authority).
COMMUNITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT	None for the purposes of this report
BUDGET IMPLICATIONS	None for the purposes of this report
RECOMMENDATIONS	Members are asked to: 1. Review and approve the progress
BACKGROUND PAPERS	None for the purposes of this report
APPENDICES	Appendix A - Audit Improvement Plan
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## **1. Introduction**

- 1.1 At each meeting, the Authority's internal auditors present their findings following an agreed programme of quarterly audits.
- 1.2 To support this, the auditors' findings are aligned to improvement activities to strengthen and resolve the identified issues, and these form the basis of the Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service's (the Service) Audit Improvement Plan.
- 1.3 This report contains progress against each of these improvement activities.

## **2. Improvement areas**

- 2.1 Although a number of recommendations were identified within the audits, none have been judged to represent a significant risk to the Authority.
- 2.2 All recommendations have been recorded within Appendix A, Audit Improvement Plan, where details of the Service's progress have been set out.
- 2.3 As previously agreed, once considered by Members, those activities from the previous quarter's audits, which were reported as complete will be removed from subsequent reports.

## **3. Summary and key points**

- 3.1 There are no significant areas of slippage to report to Members. Progress continues to be regularly monitored by Directors.
- 3.2 The Finance & Governance Committee will receive an updated report at their next meeting, which will include progress made on the outstanding audit improvements.

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