



**DORSET & WILTSHIRE  
FIRE AND RESCUE  
AUTHORITY**

<b>Item 10</b>
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MEETING	Finance and Audit Committee
DATE OF MEETING	6 <sup>th</sup> July 2016
SUBJECT OF THE REPORT	Progress of External Audit
STATUS OF REPORT	For Publication
PURPOSE OF REPORT	For Information
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	On the 1 April 2016 Members approved the External Audit plan for 2015/16 (Appendix A) and KPMG has continued to complete audit work aligned to the timetable detailed within this plan. Initially KPMG indicated that an interim audit report would be complete, however, due to the assurances received within work to date and no significant issues highlighted KPMG no longer consider it necessary. Instead KPMG have provided two audit assurance letters for Finance and Audit to note.
RISK ASSESSMENT	The audits to date, for both Authorities, have not identified anything that would prevent the auditor from issuing an unqualified audit opinion.
COMMUNITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT	None for the purposes of this report
BUDGET IMPLICATIONS	None for the purposes of this report
RECOMMENDATIONS	Members are asked to note the audit letters appended to this report.
BACKGROUND PAPERS	None for the purposes of this report
APPENDICES	Appendix A – Extract from KPMG Report Appendix B – Wiltshire and Swindon Fire Authority – Audit Progress Letter. Appendix C – Dorset Fire Authority – Audit Progress Letter
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