



**DORSET & WILTSHIRE
FIRE AND RESCUE
AUTHORITY**

Item 10

MEETING	Finance and Audit Committee
DATE OF MEETING	21 st September 2016
SUBJECT OF THE REPORT	Statement of Assurance
STATUS OF REPORT	For open publication
PURPOSE OF REPORT	For review and recommendation.
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	<p>Under the Fire and Rescue Services Act 2004 and the associated National Framework 2012, all Fire & Rescue Authorities are required to provide an annual statement of assurance. This statement needs to cover financial, governance and operational matters including Integrated Risk Management Planning.</p> <p>With the establishment of the new Authority and Service taking place on the 1st April 2016, this years statement of assurance (Appendix A) covers the period April 2016-September 2016.</p> <p>Work is underway to achieve a full and comprehensive statement of assurance for 2016/2017, which will be reported to Members in September 2017.</p> <p>Upon approval, this statement of assurance will be taken to the Full Authority meeting in December for the Authority to note and published on the Service's website along with a number of key hyperlinked documents.</p>
RISK ASSESSMENT	No significant weaknesses have been identified.
COMMUNITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT	None for the purposes of this report
BUDGET IMPLICATIONS	None for the purposes of this report
RECOMMENDATIONS	Members are asked to review the 2016 statement of assurance and recommend its approval at the Fire Authority meeting on the 15 th December 2016.
BACKGROUND PAPERS	None

APPENDICES	Appendix A – Statement of Assurance
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