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Item: Approval of the Statement of Assurance

Meeting Date: 15 December 2016



**DORSET & WILTSHIRE
FIRE AND RESCUE
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| MEETING | Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority |
| DATE OF MEETING | 15 th December 2016 |
| SUBJECT OF THE REPORT | Statement of Assurance |
| STATUS OF REPORT | For open publication |
| PURPOSE OF REPORT | To Approve |
| 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 year's statement of assurance (Appendix A) covers the period April 2016-September 2016.</p> <p>On the 21st September 2016, the Finance and Audit Committee reviewed the statement of assurance and have recommended its approval by the Fire Authority.</p> <p>Upon its approval, the statement of assurance will be published on the Service's website along with a number of key hyperlinked documents to support increased public transparency.</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 | <ol style="list-style-type: none">Members are asked to approve the 2016 statement of assurance as recommended by the Finance & Audit Committee. |

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| BACKGROUND PAPERS | None |
| APPENDICES | Appendix A – Statement of Assurance |
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