



**DORSET & WILTSHIRE  
FIRE AND RESCUE  
AUTHORITY**

Item 17/38

MEETING	Finance, Governance and Audit committee
DATE OF MEETING	29 September 2017
SUBJECT OF THE REPORT	Statement of Accounts and Annual Governance Statement
STATUS OF REPORT	For open publication
PURPOSE OF REPORT	For information
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	<p>The Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations require that the annual statement of accounts be approved by the Authority (or a Committee to which it has delegated authority) by 30 September each year.</p> <p>The Dorset &amp; Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority annual accounts for 2016/17 have been produced and externally audited, and are now submitted for scrutiny and approval.</p> <p>The Regulations also require an Annual Governance Statement (AGS), to accompany the accounts, which also requires approval.</p> <p>Also included elsewhere on the agenda is the presentation of the external auditors' report on the annual accounts (the ISA 260). Following the presentation of the auditors' report and the approval of the accounts, a signed Audit Opinion will be issued to form part of the published accounts.</p>
RISK ASSESSMENT	No recommendations identified represented a significant risk to the Authority
COMMUNITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT	None for the purposes of this report
BUDGET IMPLICATIONS	None for the purposes of this report
RECOMMENDATIONS	<p>Members are asked to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Consider and approve the accounts and the accompanying</li> </ol>

	Annual Governance Statement
BACKGROUND PAPERS	External Audit Report 2016/17 – Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority (ISA 260 report)
APPENDICES	Appendix A – Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority Statement of Accounts 2016/17 Appendix B – Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority Annual Governance Statement
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