



Item 18/39

MEETING	Finance & Governance Committee
DATE OF MEETING	20 September 2018
SUBJECT OF THE REPORT	Statement of Assurance 2017-18
STATUS OF REPORT	For open publication
PURPOSE OF REPORT	For approval
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	<p>Under the National Framework 2018, all fire and rescue authorities are required to provide an annual statement of assurance. This statement needs to cover financial governance and operational matters.</p> <p>The Finance &amp; Governance Committee are asked to review Appendix A, the draft Statement of Assurance for 2017-18, and confirm its approval.</p> <p>Following approval, the Statement of Assurance will be published on the website along with several key hyperlinked documents to increase public transparency.</p>
RISK ASSESSMENT	<p>Failure to approve a robust statement of assurance and adhere to the expectations in the Fire and Rescue National Framework may lead to reputational risks for the Dorset &amp; Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority (the Authority).</p>
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. Approve the draft statement of assurance 2017-18</li> </ol>

<p>BACKGROUND PAPERS</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <a href="#">Guidance on statements of assurance</a> for fire and rescue authorities in England. Ministry of Housing, <a href="#">Communities &amp; Local Government May 2013</a>.</li> <li>2. Internal supporting assurance documentation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Governance Assurance Baseline Assessment CIPFA/Solace Governance Code 2016</li> <li>• Equality, Diversity &amp; Inclusion Evaluation Framework</li> <li>• Information Governance Framework</li> <li>• Health &amp; Safety Assurance Statement</li> <li>• Operational Assurance Statement</li> </ul> </li> </ol>
<p>APPENDICES</p>	<p>Appendix A – Statement of Assurance 2017-18  Appendix B – Policy Assurance Statements</p>
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