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| MEETING | Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority |
| DATE OF MEETING | 30 September 2020 |
| SUBJECT OF THE REPORT | Statement of Assurance 2019-20 |
| STATUS OF REPORT | For open publication |
| PURPOSE OF REPORT | For approval |
| EXECUTIVE SUMMARY | <p>Under the Fire and Rescue National Framework for England (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>Members are asked to review Appendix A, the draft Statement of Assurance for 2019-20, and confirm its approval.</p> <p>Following approval, the Statement of Assurance will be published on the Service’s 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 for England (2018) may lead to reputational risks for the Dorset & 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 |
| RECOMMENDATION | <p>Members are asked to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approve the Statement of Assurance 2019-20. |

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| BACKGROUND PAPERS | 1. Guidance on statements of assurance for fire and rescue authorities in England. Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government May 2013. |
| APPENDICES | Appendix A - Statement of Assurance 2019-2020 Appendix B - Policy Assurance Statements 2020 |
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