



**DORSET & WILTSHIRE
FIRE AND RESCUE
AUTHORITY**

Item 21/43

MEETING	Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Authority
DATE OF MEETING	30 September 2021
SUBJECT OF THE REPORT	Statement of Assurance 2020-21
STATUS OF REPORT	For open publication
PURPOSE OF REPORT	For approval
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	<p>The Fire and Rescue National Framework for England (2018) requires all fire and rescue authorities to provide an annual Statement of Assurance. This statement should outline the overall governance, financial and operational arrangements.</p> <p>Members are asked to review and approve Appendix A, the draft Statement of Assurance for 2020-21.</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	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).
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 2020-21.

BACKGROUND PAPERS	Guidance on statements of assurance for fire and rescue authorities in England.
APPENDICES	Appendix A - Statement of Assurance 2020-2021 Appendix B - Policy Assurance Statements 2020-2021
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