



**DORSET & WILTSHIRE
FIRE AND RESCUE
AUTHORITY**

Item 25/35

MEETING	Finance & Audit Committee
DATE OF MEETING	10 September 2025
SUBJECT OF THE REPORT	External Audit Progress Report 2024-25
STATUS OF REPORT	For open publication
PURPOSE OF REPORT	To review and note
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	<p>Bishop Fleming are our external auditors, appointed by Public Sector Audit Appointments Ltd (PSAA), and mandated through statute to complete an audit of the Authority.</p> <p>This report provides Members with an update on the progress of the 2024-25 external audit work.</p>
RISK ASSESSMENT	None for the purposes of this report
COMMUNITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT	None for the purposes of this report
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT	None for the purposes of this report
BUDGET IMPLICATIONS	The agreed base audit fee for 2024-25 is £106,703, as set by PSAA under a defined schedule of fees and charges. Additional fee variations are likely to be requested as the audit progresses, aligned to increased areas of focus and new requirements.
RECOMMENDATIONS	<p>Members are asked to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Review and note the update provided by Bishop Fleming
BACKGROUND PAPERS	25/21 External Audit Plan 2024-25, Finance and Audit Committee, 23 July 2025
APPENDICES	Appendix A - External Audit Progress Report 2024-25

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