

**HERTFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**AUDIT COMMITTEE**

**WEDNESDAY, 30 NOVEMBER 2016 AT 10.15 AM**

**HERTFORDSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY STATEMENT  
OF ASSURANCE 2015/16**

Agenda Item

No:

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*Report of the Director Community Protection*

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**1. Purpose of Report**

1.1 To comply with the Government requirement for fire and rescue authorities to provide assurances on financial, governance and operational matters and to demonstrate due regard to the published Integrated Risk Management Plan (IRMP).

**2. Summary**

2.1 The revised Fire and Rescue National Framework Document, published in July 2012, requires all English fire and rescue authorities to provide an annual assurance statement. The Hertfordshire Fire and Rescue Authority draft Statement of Assurance 2015/16 has been prepared in accordance with the guidance issued by central Government. The document seeks to provide an accessible way in which communities, Government, local authorities and other partners may make a valid assessment of the authority's performance. The Audit Committee are asked to consider the content of the Statement and to provide approval of same.

2.2 The draft Statement of Assurance (Appendix A to the report) sets out the position in relation to the authority's performance and provides a true and fair view of the financial, governance and operational arrangements that were in place for the period 1 April 2015 to 31 March 2016.

**3. Recommendation**

3.1 That the draft Statement of Assurance 2015/16 is approved.

**4. Financial Implications**

None arising from the proposal in this report

***Background Information***

**[Fire and rescue national framework for England](#)**