

TYNE & WEAR FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: 17TH MARCH 2014

Item 7

SUBJECT: AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT – MARCH 2014

REPORT OF THE FINANCE OFFICER

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To enable the Committee to consider and comment upon the external auditors' (Mazars) regular Audit Progress Report covering the period up to March 2014.
- 1.2 The report will be presented by Gavin Barker, the Authority's Senior Engagement Manager.
- 1.3 The reports are a regular feature on this agenda and are aimed at providing updates of the progress made by our external auditor in meeting and fulfilling their role and responsibilities to the Authority.
- 1.4 Members will be aware from the earlier item on the agenda that the Audit Strategy Memorandum 2013/2014 has been finalised which sets out the main risks identified by the auditor for both the Authority's Statement of Accounts and Value for Money opinion for 2013/2014. These risks are however considered common for an authority of this type and size.
- 1.5 The report also highlights emerging issues and developments that may be of interest to members in their role on the Audit and Governance Committee.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 Members are asked to note the attached report.

