

**MEETING: TYNE AND WEAR FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY:
GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE – 28TH SEPTEMBER 2009**

**SUBJECT: AUDITED STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2008/2009 – LETTER
OF REPRESENTATION**

REPORT OF THE CHIEF FIRE OFFICER

1. Introduction

- 1.1 In auditing the Authority's Statement of Accounts each year, the Audit Commission relies on information and assurances received from Officer's from both this Authority and from the Lead Authority, Sunderland City Council.

- 1.2 The attached Letter of Representation, signed by the Chair of the Governance Committee (on behalf of that Committee), the Chief Fire Officer, the Finance Officer and the Clerk to the Authority, provides that assurance to the Audit Commission.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 Members are requested to note the attached Letter of Representation.

BACKGROUND PAPERS