

TYNE & WEAR FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: 13TH MARCH 2020

SUBJECT: AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT – FEBRUARY 2020

REPORT OF THE STRATEGIC FINANCE MANAGER

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To enable the Committee to consider and comment upon the external auditors' regular Audit Progress Report covering the period up to February 2020.
- 1.2 The report will be presented by the Authority's Senior Manager, Diane Harold.
- 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 report on the agenda (Audit Strategy Memorandum 2019/2020) that this sets out the main risks identified by the auditor for both the Authority's Statement of Accounts Opinion and the Value for Money Conclusion for 2019/2020. These risks are considered standard for an Authority of this type and size.
- 1.5 The auditors have also carried out various interim testing in January/February and report that there are no significant matters arising from this work that at this stage.
- 1.6 The report additionally highlights emerging issues and publications that may be of interest to members in their role on the Governance Committee of the Fire Authority.

2.0 Recommendation

- 2.1 Members are requested to note the attached report.