

SUBJECT: AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT – FEBRUARY 2019

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 2019.
- 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 2018/2019) 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 2018/2019. These risks are considered standard for an Authority of this type and size.
- 1.5 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.

