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**Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Authority  
Audit and Standards Committee  
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**SUBJECT: EXTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT 2017/18**

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Background Papers: None

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Implications (tick ✓):

LEGAL			FINANCIAL	✓
HUMAN RESOURCES			EQUALITY IMPACT	
ENVIRONMENTAL			POLICY	
CORPORATE RISK	Known	✓	OTHER (please specify)	
	New		CORE BRIEF	

*Any implications affecting this report are noted at the end of the report.*

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**PURPOSE:**

To receive and consider the external Audit Progress report from Ernst & Young, the Fire and Rescue Authority's external auditor.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That Members consider the submitted external Audit Progress Report for 2017/18.

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1. Introduction

1.1 The submitted Audit Progress Report summarises work Ernst and Young have undertaken since their appointment as external auditor to the year ending 31 March 2018.

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