

For Publication

**Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Authority
Audit and Standards Committee
17 October 2023**

SUBJECT: EXTERNAL AUDITORS ANNUAL REPORT YEAR END 31 MARCH 2022

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Background Papers:

Appendix	Title	Protective Marking
1	Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Authority Auditor's Annual Report for Year Ended 31 March 2022, September 2023	

Implications

This table provides a short statement of the impact of the recommendations in this report and/or a reference to the relevant paragraph/s in the report.

Will this report affect any of the following?

	Yes / No	Impact / Reference
Financial Implications	Yes	EY have found no matters to report for their value for money audit and did not identify any material weaknesses in the design or operation of controls or evidence of material misstatements. No transactions identified as unusual or outside of the organisation's normal course of business.
Risk Management	Yes	Risk assessment procedures completed in August 2023; no significant weakness identified.

Legal Implications	No	
Privacy and Security Implications	No	
Duty to Collaborate	No	
Health and Safety Implications	No	
Equality, Diversity and Inclusion	No	
Environmental Sustainability	No	
Consultation and Communication	No	CMT are consulted on audit findings.

PURPOSE:

To receive and consider the Annual Report from Ernst & Young, the Fire and Rescue Authority's external auditor.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the submitted Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2022 be noted.

1. Introduction

1.1 The submitted Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2022 communicates the key issues following completion of the audit procedures carried out by Ernst & Young.

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