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Background Papers: None

Implications (tick ✓):

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| LEGAL | | | FINANCIAL | |
| HUMAN RESOURCES | | | EQUALITY IMPACT | |
| ENVIRONMENTAL | | | POLICY | |
| CORPORATE RISK | Known | ✓ | OTHER (please specify) | |
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Any implications affecting this report are noted at the end of the report.

PURPOSE:

To report on the meeting of the Audit and Standards Committee held on 5 December 2019.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the submitted minutes of the meeting held on 5 December be received and the recommendations of the meeting, noted below, be considered.

1. Introduction

1.1 The draft minutes of the meeting of the Audit and Standards Committee held on 5 December 2019 are appended for Members' consideration.

1.2 The Audit and Standards Committee made the following recommendation to the Fire Authority:

19-20/ASC/37 Statement of Assurance

That the Chair of the Committee be authorised to sign off the Statement of Assurance for reporting to the full Fire and Rescue Authority Meeting, subject to the following changes being made: additional text being included to explain why the Authority is trialling operating without Policy and Challenge Groups, the inclusion of the Internal Audit opinion in the section covering internal audit and clarification of the bullet point in section 6 about membership in the Dementia Protocol.

**COUNCILLOR M HEADLEY
CHAIR OF AUDIT AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE**