

# Buckinghamshire & Milton Keynes Fire Authority



<b>MEETING</b>	Overview and Audit Committee
<b>DATE OF MEETING</b>	26 July 2017
<b>OFFICER</b>	Graham Britten, Director of Legal and Governance Mark Hemming, Deputy Director of Finance and Assets
<b>LEAD MEMBER</b>	Chairman of the Overview and Audit Committee
<b>SUBJECT OF THE REPORT</b>	<b>Annual Governance Statement 2016/17</b>
<b>EXECUTIVE SUMMARY</b>	<p>The purpose of this report is to present the 2016/17 Annual Governance Statement (appended as an Annex to the report). This contains the progress on the implementation of the recommendations of the 2015/16 Annual Governance Statement and to highlight recommendations for 2017/18.</p> <p>The Annual Governance Statement has been based upon the six core principles of good governance set out in the CIPFA/SOLACE guidance (2007, revised and updated 2012):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Focusing on the purpose of the Authority and on outcomes for the community and creating and implementing a vision for the local area.</li> <li>2. Members and officers working together to achieve a common purpose with clearly defined functions and roles.</li> <li>3. Promoting values for the Authority and demonstrating the values of good governance through upholding high standards of conduct and behaviour.</li> <li>4. Taking informed and transparent decisions which are subject to effective scrutiny and managing risk.</li> <li>5. Developing the capacity and capability of Members and officers to be effective.</li> <li>6. Engaging with local people and other stakeholders to ensure robust public accountability.</li> </ol>
<b>ACTION</b>	Decision.
<b>RECOMMENDATIONS</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the Annual Governance Statement be approved.</li> <li>2. That the progress on the implementation of</li> </ol>

	<p>recommendations of the previous Annual Governance Statement (Appendix A to the Annual Governance Statement) be acknowledged.</p> <p>3. That the priorities for 2017/18 (Appendix B to the Annual Governance Statement) be agreed.</p>
<b>RISK MANAGEMENT</b>	Any risk implications of completion or non-completion of the recommendations are included in the relevant report.
<b>FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS</b>	There are no direct financial implications arising from the report.
<b>LEGAL IMPLICATIONS</b>	Regulation 6(1) of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 requires the Committee to approve an annual governance statement which must accompany the statement of accounts.
<b>CONSISTENCY WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF THE DUTY TO COLLABORATE</b>	No direct impact.
<b>HEALTH AND SAFETY</b>	There are no direct health and safety implications arising from the report.
<b>EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY</b>	There are no direct equality and diversity implications arising from this report.
<b>USE OF RESOURCES</b>	<p><b>Communication and consultation</b> The officers with responsibility for the areas audited have been responsible for supplying the information and responses necessary for this report.</p> <p><b>Progress monitoring</b> Further updates will be provided at future committee meetings.</p>
<b>PROVENANCE SECTION &amp; BACKGROUND PAPERS</b>	<p>Report to Overview and Audit Committee of the Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Fire Authority held on 27 July 2016, Item 9:  <a href="http://bucksfire.gov.uk/files/3414/6883/6170/ITEM_9_Annual_Governance_Statement_15-16_Cover_Paper_gb_050716_Appendix.pdf">http://bucksfire.gov.uk/files/3414/6883/6170/ITEM_9_Annual_Governance_Statement_15-16_Cover_Paper_gb_050716_Appendix.pdf</a></p> <p>CIPFA / SOLACE 'Delivering Good Governance in Local Government - Guidance Note for English Authorities'  <a href="http://www.solace.org.uk/knowledge/reports_guides/goodgovernance-England-2007-02.pdf">http://www.solace.org.uk/knowledge/reports_guides/goodgovernance-England-2007-02.pdf</a></p>
<b>APPENDICES</b>	<p>Annex – Annual Governance Statement 2016/17.</p> <p>Appendix A to Annex – Progress of Annual Governance Statement 2015/16.</p>

	Appendix B to Annex – Recommendations for Priorities for 2017/18.
<b>TIME REQUIRED</b>	10 minutes.
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