



# Buckinghamshire & Milton Keynes Fire Authority

<b>MEETING</b>	Overview and Audit Committee
<b>DATE OF MEETING</b>	20 November 2019
<b>OFFICER</b>	Mark Hemming, Director of Finance & Assets
<b>LEAD MEMBER</b>	Councillor David Watson
<b>SUBJECT OF THE REPORT</b>	<b>Adoption of the Audited Statement of Accounts – Year ended 31 March 2019</b>
<b>EXECUTIVE SUMMARY</b>	<p>The Authority must prepare, in accordance with proper practices in relation to accounts, a statement of accounts for each year. Due to resourcing issues experienced by the external auditors this year, they were unable to complete the audit by 31 July 2019.</p> <p>The audit has now been completed and the Fire Authority are asked to consider any issues raised during the audit before approving the accounts for signing.</p>
<b>ACTION</b>	Decision.
<b>RECOMMENDATIONS</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. That the matters raised by the external auditors be considered;</li> <li>2. that the Statement of Accounts for the financial year ended 31 March 2019 be approved for signing by the Chairman of the Overview and Audit Committee.</li> </ol>
<b>RISK MANAGEMENT</b>	No direct impact.
<b>FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS</b>	No direct impact.
<b>LEGAL IMPLICATIONS</b>	The Statement of Accounts must, following consideration, be approved by the Authority or Committee of the Authority.
<b>CONSISTENCY WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF THE DUTY TO COLLABORATE</b>	No direct impact.
<b>HEALTH AND SAFETY</b>	No direct impact.
<b>EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY</b>	No direct impact.

<b>USE OF RESOURCES</b>	No direct impact.
<b>PROVENANCE SECTION &amp; BACKGROUND PAPERS</b>	None.
<b>APPENDICES</b>	Annex A: Annual Financial Statements 2018/19
<b>TIME REQUIRED</b>	15 minutes
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