



AGENDA ITEM: 11

NORTH WALES FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

16 September 2013

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2012-13

Report by Ken Finch, Treasurer to the Authority

Purpose of Report

- 1 This report is to request delegated authority for the Audit Committee to approve the audited Statement of Accounts for 2012-13 and the Annual Governance Statement.

Information

- 2 In compliance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations (Amendment Wales) 2010 it is a requirement that the audited accounts are approved by Members by 30 September.
- 3 This year, the final meeting with the auditors is to be held on the 12 September and at this meeting any changes to the accounts will be agreed following the findings of the audit. Due to the timing of the meeting it will not be possible to have the accounts finalised and distributed to members in time for the meeting of the Authority on the 16 September 2013, therefore it is requested that the Fire and Rescue Authority grant delegated authority for approving the accounts to the Audit Committee meeting on 23 September 2013.

Audited Changes

- 4 The preliminary findings of the Auditor at the time of writing this report are over minor technical issues such as accounting treatment, definitions and presentation of specific items within the accounts. These should not affect the financial position with regards to the underspend, provisions and reserves, which remain the same as reported to Members on 17 June 2013.

Accounts Presentation

- 5 A detailed presentation of the accounts will be made to the Audit Committee on 23 September 2013. Members who are not on the Audit Committee are welcome to attend the meeting if they require a more detailed explanation of the accounts.

Recommendation

- 6 Members grant delegated authority, for this year, to the Audit Committee for approving the Statement of Accounts for 2012-13.