



AGENDA ITEM: 10

NORTH WALES FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

18th December 2006

DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY FOR APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL AUDIT LETTER 2005/06

**Report by Ken Finch,
Treasurer to the Authority**

Decision Sought

- 1.** To seek the Authority to delegate its powers in respect of receiving the Annual Audit Letter 2005/06 to the Executive Panel.

Background

- 2.** The Authority's Appointed Auditor, the Wales Audit Office (WAO), is required to issue the Annual Audit Letter 2005/06 by 31st December 2006.

Information

- 3.** It had been the Auditor's original intention to present the Annual Audit Letter 2005/06 to members at the current meeting. But, due to the limited time available between the Auditors' meetings with officers to discuss the contents of the Letter and the deadline for the production and distribution of committee reports, it was felt that sufficient time would not be available in order to finalise the Letter for presentation to members at this meeting. The WAO will be in a position to publish the Letter itself ahead of the statutory deadline of 31st December.



Information *(continued)*

4. As soon as practicable following its publication the Fire and Rescue Authority is required to formally receive the Letter. As the Authority's next scheduled meeting is not until 19th March 2007 this would result in the Letter not being considered until then. It is desirable that the Letter be formally received and considered before that time.

Advice

5. It would therefore be advisable for the Authority, unless an extraordinary meeting of the Fire and Rescue Authority is called in the meantime for any other purpose, to delegate its powers in relation to receiving the Annual Audit Letter 2005/06 to its Executive Panel.

Recommendation

6. That the Authority delegates its powers in respect of formally receiving the Annual Audit Letter 2005/06 to its Executive Panel.