



## **AGENDA ITEM: 8**

### **NORTH WALES FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY AUDIT COMMITTEE**

**31<sup>st</sup> January 2011**

#### **ANNUAL AUDIT LETTER**

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#### **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1 The purpose of this report is to present to Members the Annual Audit Letter.

#### **BACKGROUND**

- 2 Following the introduction of the Local Government Measure 2009 the Wales Audit Office has changed how it reports its findings from the financial and performance audits. The majority of the issues that were traditionally reported in the Annual Audit Letter will, in future, be included as part of the Annual Improvement Report.

#### **INFORMATION**

- 3 The Annual Audit Letter attached at Annex 1 summarises the key messages arising from the Auditor's statutory responsibilities. The letter is a standalone document but will be presented to the Authority and the public as part of the Annual Improvement Report and therefore discharging the Auditor's reporting responsibilities under the Code of Audit Practice.

#### **RECOMMENDATION**

- 4 The Audit Committee is recommended to accept the Annual Audit Letter and note that it will be presented to the Authority and the public as part of the Annual Improvement Report.