

Report to	Audit Committee
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Subject	Wales Audit Office Annual Audit Letter 2016/17



PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1 To bring to the Audit Committee the Wales Audit Office's annual audit letter for noting.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 2 The 2016/17 annual audit letter summarises the key messages arising from the Auditor General for Wales' statutory responsibilities under the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004 and his reporting responsibilities under the Code of Audit Practice in respect of that year.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3 Members are requested to note the content of the 2016/17 Annual Audit Letter

BACKGROUND

- 4 The Auditor General for Wales is the statutory auditor for the North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority

INFORMATION

- 5 The Auditor General is required to summarise the key messages from his work during the year. The Annual Audit Letter also includes his conclusion on the Authority's arrangements to secure economy, efficiency and effectiveness.

IMPLICATIONS

Wellbeing Objectives	This report links to NWFRA's long-term well-being objectives. It reports on the work of the service in the year and includes an assessment of the future plans for the service with regards funding and future risks which may impact on service delivery.
Budget	This report looks at the Authority's financial arrangements with regards operating within the budget set.
Legal	The report is a statutory requirement as detailed above.
Staffing	None
Equalities/Human Rights/ Welsh Language	None
Risks	Key messages may conclude that there are improvements needed that need to be actioned.