

LEICESTERSHIRE

FIRE and RESCUE SERVICE

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Meeting: Combined Fire Authority
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Subject: Annual Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee for 2013/14
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For: Discussion

1. Purpose

This report sets out the Overview and Scrutiny Committee's Annual Report for 2013/14.

2. Executive Summary

This report sets out the work undertaken by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee in the 2013/14 Municipal Year.

3. Report Detail

- 3.1 The Constitution requires that the Committee must report annually to the CFA at the Annual Meeting on its workings and make recommendations for future work programmes and amended working methods if appropriate.
- 3.2 The Committee has met on five occasions in the current municipal year. At its first meeting the Committee approved a work plan for 2013/14. The Committee considered at each meeting progress reports on the implementation of the ongoing projects through the Key Projects Report. The Committee has also considered the Health and Safety Statistics for 2012/13 and received reports on Forge Health Limited, Automatic Fire Alarms, Revenue Spending Power for 2014/15, Renewal of Insurances and Office of the Surveillance Commissioners' Inspection Report. As the CFA's audit committee, the Committee has considered all the audit reports prepared by internal and external audit.
- 3.3 In September 2013 the Committee reviewed the impact upon the differentials between staff and their immediate supervisors if staff at the bottom of the pay scale were uplifted to the Living Wage. This was a follow up report to the Committee's initial consideration of introducing the Living Wage in March 2013. Following the review the Committee recommended that the Living Wage should

be introduced and this was approved by the CFA with effect from 1st October 2013.

3.4 During the year no decisions of the Policy Committee have been called in.

4. Report Implications / Impact

4.1 *Legal (including crime and disorder)*

None.

4.2 *Financial (including value for money, benefits and efficiencies)*

The financial implications of the CFA's decisions as they relate to the subject being considered are reviewed as part of each Committee item.

4.3 *Risk (including corporate and operational, health and safety and any impact on the continuity of service delivery)*

Effective scrutiny by the Committee adds value to the CFA's good governance arrangements and enhances the quality of the CFA's decision-making processes.

4.4 *Staff, Service Users and Stakeholders (including the Equality Impact Assessment)*

None.

4.5 *Environmental*

None

4.6 *Impact upon Our Plan Objectives*

None

5. Recommendations

The CFA is asked to note the Annual Report of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

6. Background Papers

None

7. Appendices

None