

Safest People, Safest Places

County Durham and Darlington
Fire and Rescue Authority



AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE

31 JULY 2019

ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2018/19

REPORT OF TREASURER

Purpose of the Report

1. The purpose of this report is to provide members with the 2018/19 Annual Governance Statement (AGS) for approval.

Annual Governance Statement

2. The AGS sets out the Authority's approach to corporate governance and identifies the key governance risks that have been identified throughout the year. Identification of governance risks is informed by the work of internal audit and managements own assessment of the key risks that may impact on the effective governance of the Authority.
3. The AGS has been amended to meet the requirements of the Delivering Good Governance in Local Government Framework (2016), which replaced the corresponding 2007 Framework.
4. The Audit and Risk Committee has delegated authority to approve the final statement of accounts and the AGS.

Recommendations

5. Members are recommended to **approve** the 2018/19 Annual Governance Statement.