

Safest People, Safest Places

County Durham and Darlington
Fire and Rescue Authority



AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE

31 JULY 2019

STATEMENT OF ASSURANCE 2018/19

REPORT OF ASSISTANT CHIEF FIRE OFFICER SERVICE SUPPORT

Purpose of Report

1. The purpose of this report is to provide members with the 2018/19 Statement of Assurance (SoA) for approval prior to publication.

Background

2. Guidance has been issued via the Fire and Rescue National Framework for England (2012) on the content of the Statement of Assurance.
3. The approval and publication of a SoA is a National Framework requirement.

The Statement of Assurance (SoA)

4. The SoA forms part of the Authority's Assurance Framework and complements the Annual Governance Statement (AGS).
5. To avoid duplication, where assurances are provided by the AGS or other published governance documentation, a hyperlink reference has been made within the SoA as opposed to repeating information.
6. The 2018/19 SoA is attached at Appendix A.

Recommendations

7. Members are recommended to **approve** the 2018/19 Statement of Assurance.