

Annual Report and Statement of Assurance 2019-2020

Agenda Item 5

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County Divisions affected: All Essex	

1. Purpose of Report

This report provides the Panel with the draft Annual Report and Statement of Assurance 2019-2020. The draft report is attached at Annex A.

The Police, Fire and Crime Panel has a statutory duty to review and provide feedback on the draft Annual Report and Statement of Assurance 2019-2020.

2. Recommendations

That Panel members note the draft Annual Report and Statement of Assurance 2019-20 and either endorse this version or provide comment on the content.

3. Context/Summary

The Fire and Rescue National Framework for England sets out the priorities and objectives for fire and rescue authorities in connection with the discharge of their functions. Every Fire and Rescue Authority must publish an annual statement of assurance of compliance with the Framework.

For PCC FRAs such as Essex, this statement is subject to scrutiny by the Police, Fire and Crime Panel and is called the 'Fire and Rescue Statement of Assurance'.

The statement outlines the way the authority and its fire and rescue service has had regard – in the period covered by the document – to the National Framework, the Integrated Risk Management Plan and to any strategic plan prepared by the authority for that period (most notably the Fire and Rescue Plan). The authority must also provide assurance to their community and to government on financial, governance and operational matters.

The document attached at Annex A includes further information to help our communities understand the work undertaken and the performance achieved by the Essex County Fire and Rescue Service during 2019-2020.

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The report presented to the Police, Fire and Crime Panel today is a draft. The Panel can endorse this version or provide feedback. If the Panel provides feedback a further final version will be shared with the Panel before publication.

4. Appendices

Appendix A - Annual Report and Statement of Assurance 2019-2020.