Shropshire and Wrekin Fire and Rescue Authority Audit and Performance Management Committee 8 December 2016

Shropshire Fire Risk Management Services Ltd. Performance Reporting

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1 Purpose of Report

This report provides information on the performance of the Fire Authority controlled company, Shropshire Fire Risk Management Services Ltd.

2 Recommendations

The Committee is asked to note the report.

3 Background

In April 2013 the Fire Authority agreed to establish a local authority controlled company, to be known as Shropshire Fire Risk Management Services Ltd. (SFRMS). The company went live in July 2013.

Subsequently (in September 2013), the Fire Authority agreed that the company should report quarterly to the Audit and Performance Management Committee, with the first twelve months' performance being measured against the company's Business Plan. The purpose of reporting is to provide an opportunity for the Fire Authority to assure itself that the financial affairs of the company are in order and to enable the tracking of profitability and business growth.

Following the departure of the Sales Manager, in January 2016, the Fire Authority agreed that the Business Case for the company should be reviewed, with the focus of that review, during the 2016/17 financial year, being to stop sales of Fire Risk Assessments and develop sales relating to Training activities. The only financial target set for the company, during this year, would be for the company to cover the inherent costs it incurs for appropriate management and audit. The new Business Case will come to the Fire Authority (as the sole Company Shareholder) next year.



The Appendix to the report provides a commentary on the work undertaken to date, to move the company in this new direction. It also quantifies the costs incurred during this review year and the indicative level of training required to cover those costs.

Please note that the appendix has been classed as exempt and will be considered in closed session at item 16 on the agenda, as it contains sensitive, commercial information.

4 Financial Implications

There are no financial implications arising directly from this report, which contains only historical data relating to the company's performance.

5 Legal Comment

There are no legal implications arising directly from this report.

6 Initial Impact Assessment

As this report contains only historical data an Initial Impact Assessment has not been completed.

7 Equality Impact Assessment

There are no equality or diversity implications arising from this report. An Equality Impact Assessment is not, therefore, required.

8 Appendix

SFRMS Update Report and Performance Summary November 2016

9 Background Papers

There are no background papers associated with this report.

