

<b>REPORT REFERENCE NO.</b>	<b>AGC/22/15</b>
<b>MEETING</b>	<b>AUDIT &amp; GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE</b>
<b>DATE OF MEETING</b>	<b>22 JULY 2022</b>
<b>SUBJECT OF REPORT</b>	<b>GOVERNMENT WHITE PAPER “REFORMING OUR FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE” – REVISED PROPOSED RESPONSE</b>
<b>LEAD OFFICER</b>	<b>Chief Fire Officer</b>
<b>RECOMMENDATIONS</b>	<i>That, subject to any amendments as may be made at the meeting, the final response from this Authority to the White Paper (a revised draft of which is attached at Appendix A to this report) be submitted to the Government by the deadline of 26 July 2022.</i>
<b>EXECUTIVE SUMMARY</b>	<p>Elsewhere on the agenda for this meeting is a report of the Chief Fire Officer (AGC/22/9) proposing a suggested Authority response to the Government White Paper “Reforming Our Fire and Rescue Service”. Publication of the White Paper was reported to the Authority Ordinary meeting on 10 June 2022. In light of the response deadline (26 July 2022), the Authority resolved to delegate authority to this Committee to approve and return a response.</p> <p>Since publication of the agenda for this meeting, the initial draft response has been discussed further at the Members’ Forum meeting held on 19 July 2022. The Appendix to this paper now sets out a revised draft response, reflecting the discussions at the Members’ Forum meeting, for consideration.</p>
<b>RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS</b>	Nil.
<b>EQUALITY RISKS AND BENEFITS ANALYSIS</b>	Not applicable
<b>APPENDICES</b>	A. Revised draft consultation response to Government White Paper “Reforming Our Fire and Rescue Service”
<b>BACKGROUND PAPERS</b>	Nil.

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