



Essex Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Fire and Rescue Authority

Decision Report

Report reference number: 035-22
Government security classification: Not protectively marked
Title of report: Publication of Draft Year-End Accounts 2021-22
Area of county / stakeholders affected: Countywide
Report by: Neil Cross – Chief Financial (S151) Officer Date of report: 12.07.2022 Enquiries to: Neil Cross – Chief Financial (S151) Officer

1. Purpose of the report

The Authority is required to publish its Unaudited Financial Statements Accounts by 31st July each year in accordance with the Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2021.

The purpose of this paper is to obtain formal authority to publish the 2021-22 Unaudited Financial Statements on our website.

2. Recommendations

The Commissioner is asked to:

Approve the publication of the Unaudited Financial Statements which comprise of the Narrative Report, Annual Governance Statement, Accounting Statements, and related notes.

3. Benefits of the proposal

To meet the statutory reporting requirement for the publication of the 2021-22 Unaudited Financial Statements, these are required to be published by 31st July 2022.

4. Background and proposal

The Unaudited Financial Statements have been reviewed at an Extraordinary Strategic Board on 11th July 2022.

The Unaudited Financial Statements were also reviewed by the Audit Committee on 17th June 2022 and were approved in principle by the Service Leadership Team on 28th June 2022.

5. Alternative options considered and rejected

Not applicable to this decision.

6. Strategic priorities

The Unaudited Financial Statements underpin the delivery of all the priorities set out in the Fire and Rescue Plan.

7. Operational implications

Not applicable to this decision.

8. Financial implications

As set out within the 2021-22 Unaudited Financial Statements appended to this decision report.

9. Legal implications

The draft accounts are required to be published by 31st July 2022 in accordance with the Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2021.

10. Staffing implications

Not applicable to this decision.

11. Equality and Diversity implications

We have considered whether individuals with protected characteristics will be disadvantaged as a consequence of the actions being taken. Due regard has also been given to whether there is impact on each of the following protected groups as defined within the Equality Act 2010:

Race	N	Religion or belief	N
Sex	N	Gender reassignment	N
Age	N	Pregnancy & maternity	N
Disability	N	Marriage and Civil Partnership	N
Sexual orientation	N		

The Core Code of Ethics Fire Standard has been fully considered and incorporated into the proposals outlined in this paper.

12. Risks

Failure to publish the draft accounts by 31st July 2022 will result in non-compliance with the Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2021.

13. Governance Boards

Audit Committee 17th June 2022
Service Leadership Team 28th June 2022
Extraordinary Strategic Board 11th July 2022

14. Background papers


Appendix 1 - 2021-22 Accounts

Decision Process (035-22)

Step 1A - Chief Fire Officer Comments

(The Chief Fire Officer is asked in their capacity as the Head of Paid Service to comment on the proposal.)

.....I support this recommendation.....

Sign:  Date:.....14/7/22.....


Step 1B – Consultation with representative bodies


(The Chief Fire Officer is to set out the consultation that has been undertaken with the representative bodies)

.....N/A.....

Step 2 - Statutory Officer Review

The report will be reviewed by the Essex Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner Fire and Rescue Authority’s (“the Commissioner’s”) Monitoring Officer and Chief Finance Officer prior to review and sign off by the Commissioner or their Deputy.

Monitoring Officer Sign: 
Print: P. Brent-Isherwood
Date: 19 July 2022

Chief Finance Officer Sign: 
Print:Neil Cross.....
Date: . . . 14/7/22

Step 3 - Publication

Is the report for publication? **YES**

If 'NO', please give reasons for non-publication (Where relevant, cite the security classification of the document(s). State 'none' if applicable)

.....None.....

If the report is not for publication, the Monitoring Officer will decide if and how the public can be informed of the decision.

Step 4 - Redaction

If the report is for publication, is redaction required:

- 1 Of Decision Sheet **NO**
- 2 Of Appendix **NO**

If 'YES', please provide details of required redaction:

.....N/A.....
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Date redaction carried out:


If redaction is required, the Chief Finance Officer or the Monitoring Officer are to sign off that redaction has been completed.

Sign: Print:

Date signed:

Step 5 - Decision by the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner or Deputy Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner

I agree the recommendations to this report:

Sign:  (PFCC)
Print: Roger Hirst Date signed: 22 July 2022

I do not agree the recommendations to this report:

Sign: (PFCC / DPFCC)
Print: Date signed:

