

NORTH WALES FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE

COMMITTEE:	NORTH WALES FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY
DATE:	19 SEPTEMBER 2005
REPORT OF:	TREASURER
SUBJECT:	DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY FOR APPROVAL OF THE STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2004-2005

1. **INTRODUCTION**

The Wales Audit Office (WAO) had expected to complete its audit of the Statement of Accounts for presentation and approval at the meeting of the Fire and Rescue Authority in September; unfortunately the audit will not be completed in time to achieve this.

The next opportunity for approving the Statement of Accounts would be at the meeting of the Fire and Rescue Authority in December. This is considered to be too late in terms of the usual timetable the Authority follows and it would be more timely and appropriate if the accounts were approved before December. It is recommended that the Executive Panel be given delegated responsibility to approve the Statement of Accounts and receive the accompanying report from the WAO. The audit will be complete and a report ready for presentation to the October meeting of the Executive Panel.

2. **RECOMMENDATION**

The Authority is recommended to delegate responsibility for the approval of the Statement of Accounts 2004-2005 to the Executive Panel and for the Executive Panel to receive the accompanying report from the WAO.

K W Finch

Treasurer

30 August 2005