

## Summary Statement of Accounts 2010/11

The full Statement of Accounts is prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Accounting Codes of Practice by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA), and is subject to inspection by the Audit Commission.

For the purpose of the document below, some modifications have been made in an attempt to provide more meaningful and useful information to non-technical users.

Each year Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Authority reviews its Medium Term Financial Strategy which covers three financial years. This involves the identification and assessment of key issues and risks that need to be addressed. This forecast sets out the overall shape of the Authority's budget by establishing how available resources should be allocated to meet corporate objectives, provides the framework for the preparation of annual budgets and is developed to meet the corporate priorities of the Authority.

In 2010/11 the Authority's budget anticipated a deficit of £3.175m. However significant efficiencies were made during the year which resulted in an overall surplus of £0.990m which is some £4.165m better than anticipated. The majority of the efficiencies were staff related and included the restructuring of fire safety staff, a freeze on the recruitment of new fire-fighters and the non-filling of vacant posts.

This improved position allowed the Authority to set aside some monies, which will be utilised to fund service changes and reviews that will be required to meet the future financial pressures facing the Authority.

Here at Greater Manchester Fire and Rescue Authority, we value the input and views of our stakeholders and would therefore welcome any comments you may have about this summary.

Was the information useful? Was there anything you did not understand? Was there anything else that should have been included? Please do not hesitate to get in touch with me or my team at the contact point below with your views or if there is any information you require.

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