



BEDFORDSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

Members of Audit and Standards Committee.

Bedford Borough Councillors: C Atkins and J Gambold

Central Bedfordshire Councillors: R Berry, P Duckett, I Shingler and J Chatterley

Luton Borough Councillors: J Burnett and D Franks

A meeting of **Audit and Standards Committee** will be held **virtually via MS Teams** on **Thursday, 2 December 2021** starting at **10.00 am**.

John Atkinson
Monitoring Officer

A G E N D A

Item	Subject	Lead	Purpose of Discussion
1.	Apologies	Chair	
2.	Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary and Other Interests	Chair	Members are requested to disclose the existence and nature of any disclosable pecuniary interest and any other interests as required by the Fire Authority's Code of Conduct (see note below).
3.	Communications	Chair	(Pages 5 - 6)

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4.	Minutes	Chair	To confirm minutes of the meeting held on 21 September 2021 (Pages 7 - 12)
5.	Public Participation		To receive any questions put to the Authority under the Public Participation Scheme
6.	Internal Audit Progress Report	RSM	To consider a report (Pages 13 - 30)
7.	Review of the Effectiveness of the Fire and Rescue Authority's Internal Auditors	ACO	To consider a report (Pages 31 - 50)
8.	Internal Audit Actions Update	HSSA	To consider a report (Pages 51 - 64)
9.	Review of 'Monitored policies'	ACO	To consider a report (Pages 65 - 70)
10.	Report on Registration of Interests and Gifts/Hospitality	Monitoring Officer	To consider a report (Pages 71 - 72)
11.	Corporate Risk Register - Exception Report	HSSA	To consider a report (Pages 73 - 82)
12.	Work Programme 2021/22	ACO	To consider a report (Pages 83 - 86)
	Next Meeting	10.00 am on 3 March 2022	To be held virtually

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

From 1 July 2012 new regulations were introduced on Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPIs). The interests are set out in the Schedule to the Code of Conduct adopted by the Fire Authority on 28 June 2012. Members are statutorily required to notify the Monitoring Officer (MO) of any such interest which they, or a spouse or civil partner or a person they live with as such, have where they know of the interest.

A Member must make a verbal declaration of the existence and nature of any Disclosable Pecuniary Interest and any other interest as defined in paragraph 7 of the Fire Authority's Code of Conduct at any meeting of the Fire Authority, a Committee (or Sub-Committee) at which the Member is present and, in the case of a DPI, withdraw from participating in the meeting where an item of business which affects or relates to the subject matter of that interest is under consideration, at or before the consideration of the item of business or as soon as the interest becomes apparent.