



Bedfordshire

Fire & Rescue Authority

Members of Audit and Standards Committee.

Bedford Borough Councillors: C Atkins and J Gambold

Central Bedfordshire Councillors: R Berry, D McVicar and I Shingler

Luton Borough Councillors: J Burnett and D Franks

A meeting of **Audit and Standards Committee** will be held **virtually via MS Teams** [Click here to join the meeting](#) on **Thursday, 29 September 2022** starting at **10.00 am**.

Graham Britten
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).

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3.	Communications	Chair	
4.	Minutes	Chair	To confirm minutes of the meeting held on 14 July 2022 (Pages 5 - 14)
5.	Public Participation		To receive any questions put to the Authority under the Public Participation Scheme
6.	External Audit Update	Ernst and Young	Verbal update
7.	Internal Audit Progress Report (RSM)	RSM	To consider a report (Pages 15 - 34)
8.	Internal Audit Actions Update	HSSA	To consider a report (Pages 35 - 58)
9.	Abatement Policy	ACFO	To consider a report (Pages 59 - 84)
10.	Review of Work Programme 2022/23	ACO	To consider a report (Pages 85 - 88)

Local Government Act 1972: Schedule 12A (as amended) - Exclusion of the Public

Chair

To consider whether to pass a resolution under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972 to exclude the public from the remainder of the meeting on the grounds that consideration of the following items of business is likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 3 of Part 1 of the Schedule 12A to the Act as amended.

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11.	Corporate Risk Register - Exception Report	HSSA	To consider a report (Pages 89 - 102)
	Next Meeting	10.00 am on 12 January 2023 at Conference Room, Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters, Kempston, Bedford MK42 7NR	

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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.