



Bedfordshire

Fire & Rescue Authority

11 January 2023

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

Your attendance is requested at a meeting of the **Audit and Standards Committee** to be held at **virtually via MS Teams** [Click here to join the meeting](#) on **Thursday, 12 January 2023** starting at **10.00 am**, for the transaction of the following business:

Graham Britten
Monitoring Officer

A G E N D A

Item	Subject	Lead	Purpose of Discussion
1.	Apologies	Democratic and Regulatory Services Supervisor	

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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 - 12)
4.	Minutes	Chair	To confirm minutes of the meeting held on 29 September 2022 (Pages 13 - 20)
5.	Public Participation		To receive any questions put to the Authority under the Public Participation Scheme
6.	Internal Audit Progress Report (RSM)	RSM	To consider a report (Pages 21 - 42)
7.	Internal Audit Follow Up Report	BSM/RSM	To consider a report (Pages 43 - 62)
8.	Internal Audit Actions Update	HSSA/BSM	To consider a report (Pages 63 - 76)
9.	Review of the Effectiveness of the Fire & Rescue Authority's Internal Auditors	HSSA	To consider a report (Pages 77 - 82)
10.	Review of Monitored Policies	Monitoring Officer	To consider a report (Pages 83 - 88)
11.	Report on Registration of Interests and Gifts/Hospitality	Monitoring Officer	To consider a report (Pages 89 - 92)
12.	Work Programme	ACO	To consider a report (Pages 93 - 96)

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 Schedule 12A to the Act as amended.

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13.	Corporate Risk Register - Exception Report	HSSA	To consider a report (Pages 97 - 110)
	Next Meeting	10.00 am on 2 March 2023 to be held virtually	

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.