



# Bedfordshire

## Fire & Rescue Authority

22 February 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 **virtually** [Click here to join the meeting](#) on **Thursday, 2 March 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	
4.	Minutes	Chair	To confirm minutes of the meeting held on 12 January 2023 (Pages 5 - 14)
5.	Public Participation		To receive any questions put to the Authority under the Public Participation Scheme
6.	External Audit Plan 2023/24	Ernst & Young	To consider a report (Pages 15 - 60)
7.	Ernst & Young Quality Assurance Processes	ACO	To consider a report (Pages 61 - 64)
8.	Internal Audit Progress Report	RSM	To consider a report  (Pages 65 - 72)
9.	Internal Audit Strategy 2023/24 to 2025/26	RSM	To consider a report (Pages 73 - 92)
10.	Internal Audit Actions Update	HSSA	To consider a report  (Pages 93 - 106)
11.	National Fire Standards	HSSA	To consider a report (Pages 107 - 122)
12.	Work Programme	ACO	To consider a report  (Pages 123 - 126)

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Next Meeting		10.00 am on 6 July 2023 at Conference Room, Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters, Kempston, Bedford MK42 7NR	

### **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.