



Bedfordshire

Fire & Rescue Authority

07 September 2023

Members of Audit and Standards Committee.

Bedford Borough Councillors: G Coombes

Central Bedfordshire Councillors: S Owen, M Versallion and R Wenham

Luton Borough Councillors: A Ali and M Hussain

Your attendance is requested at a meeting of the **Audit and Standards Committee** to be held at **Conference Room, Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters, Kempston, Bedford MK42 7NR** on **Thursday, 6 July 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.	Election of Vice Chair	Chair	
3.	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).
4.	Communications	Chair	
5.	Minutes	Chair	To confirm minutes of the meeting held on 2 March 2023 (Pages 5 - 10)
6.	Public Participation		To receive any questions put to the Authority under the Public Participation Scheme
7.	EY report following External Audit of 2021/22 Financial Accounts	Ernst & Young	To consider a report (Pages 11 - 58)
8.	2021/22 Statement of Accounts and Annual Governance Statement	ACO	To consider a report (Pages 59 - 70)
9.	Internal Audit Annual Report 2022/23	RSM	To consider a report (Pages 71 - 86)
10.	Pre-Audit 2022/23 Statement of Accounts and Annual Governance Statement	ACO	To consider a report
11.	Internal Audit Progress Report 2022/23 and 2022/24	RSM	To consider a report (Pages 87 - 120)
12.	Internal Audit Actions Update	BSM	To consider a report (Pages 121 - 134)
13.	Local Pension Board Biennial Report	ACO	To consider a report (Pages 135 - 154)

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14.	Work Programme	ACO	To consider a report (Pages 155 - 158)

Local Government Act 1972: Schedule 12A (as amended) - Exclusions on 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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15.	Annual Review of Corporate Risk Register	BSM	To consider a report (Pages 159 - 164)

Next Meeting

10.00 am on 17 October 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.