



Bedfordshire

Fire & Rescue Authority

09 October 2023

Members of Audit and Standards Committee.

Bedford Borough Councillors: G Coombes

Central Bedfordshire Councillors: K Gurney, 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 **Tuesday, 17 October 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	
	a. RSM's Emergency Services News Briefing (May 2023)		(Pages 5 - 16)
	b. RSM's Emerging Risk Radar (July 2023)		(Pages 17 - 24)
	c. RSM's Emergency Services News Briefing (August 2023)		(Pages 25 - 36)
	d. RSM's Focus on Fraud (September 2023)		(Pages 37 - 38)
4.	Minutes	Chair	To confirm minutes of the meeting held on 06 July 2023 (Pages 39 - 48)
5.	Public Participation		To receive any questions put to the Authority under the Public Participation Scheme
6.	Annual Report	Ernst & Young	To consider a report (Pages 49 - 68)
7.	Internal Audit Progress Report	RSM	To consider a report (Pages 69 - 80)
8.	Internal Audit Actions Update	ACO	To consider a report (Pages 81 - 92)
9.	Statement of Assurance	ACO	To consider a report (Pages 93 - 108)
10.	Fire Standards Board update	ACO	Report to follow

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11.	Work Programme	ACO	To consider a report (Pages 109 - 112)

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 Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of the Schedule 12A to the Act as amended.

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12.	Corporate Risk Register	ACO	Report to follow

Next Meeting

10.00 am on 4 January 2024 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.