



Bedfordshire

Fire & Rescue Authority

05 February 2024

Members of Fire and Rescue Authority.

Bedford Borough Councillors: G Coombes, M Headley and A Sultan

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

Luton Borough Councillors: A Ali, J Burnett, M Hussain and S Hussain

Your attendance is requested at a meeting of the **Fire and Rescue Authority** to be held at **Dunstable Community Fire Station, Lecture Theatre** on **Tuesday, 13 February 2024** starting at **10.00 am**, for the transaction of the following business:

Graham Britten
Monitoring Officer

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Item	Subject	Lead	Purpose of Discussion
1.	Apologies	Business Support Manager	

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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 for 15 December 2023	Chair	To confirm the Minutes of the meeting held on 15 December 2023 (Pages 5 - 16)
5.	Public Participation	Chair	To receive any questions put to the Authority under the Public Participation Scheme
6.	Audit and Standards Committee 4 January 2024	Cllr Ali	To receive the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on 4 January 2024 (Pages 17 - 28)
7.	Executive Committee meeting 22 January 2024	Chair	To receive the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on 22 January 2024 (Pages 29 - 34)
8.	Home Office Response to the White Paper Consultation 'Reforming our Fire & Rescue Service'	CFO	To consider a report (Pages 35 - 86)
9.	The 2024/25 Revenue Budget, Capital Programme and Council Tax setting	ACO	Report to follow
10.	Localism Act 2011 - Pay Policy Statement 2023	ACFO	To consider a report (Pages 87 - 100)
11.	Serious Violence Duty	DCFO	To consider a report (Pages 101 - 108)
12.	Calendar of Meetings for 2024/25	Monitoring Officer	To consider a report (Pages 109 - 116)
13.	Work Programme	CFO	To consider a report (Pages 117 - 126)

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Local Government Act 1972: Schedule 12A (as amended) - Exclusion 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 1, 2 and 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act as amended.

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14.	Executive Committee Meeting 5 January 2024	Chair	To receive the minutes of the Executive Committee meeting held on 5 January 2024 (Pages 127 - 138)
15.	ACFO Recruitment and Succession Planning	CFO	Report to follow

Next Meeting 10.00 am on 28 March 2024 at Dunstable Community Fire Station, Lecture Theatre

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.