



Bedfordshire

Fire & Rescue Authority

23 February 2024

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 **Monday, 4 March 2024** 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	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.	Minutes	Chair	To confirm minutes of the meeting held on 4 January 2024 (Pages 5 - 14)
4.	Communications	Chair	(Pages 15 - 38)
5.	Public Participation		To receive any questions put to the Authority under the Public Participation Scheme
6.	Update on 2022/23 External Audit	Ernst & Young	Verbal update
7.	External Audit Plan and Strategy for the year ending 31 March 2024	KPMG	To consider a report (Pages 39 - 64)
8.	Internal Audit Strategy 2024/25	RSM	To consider a report (Pages 65 - 82)
9.	Internal Audit Progress Report	RSM	To consider a report (Pages 83 - 110)
10.	Internal Audit Actions Update	ACO	To consider a report (Pages 111 - 128)
11.	Fire Standards Board Update	GCSS	To consider a report (Pages 129 - 138)
12.	Corporate Risk Register	SIM	To consider a report (Pages 139 - 144)
13.	Work Programme	ACO	To consider a report (Pages 145 - 148)

Next Meeting

10.00 am on 30 July 2024 at Conference Room, Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters, Kempston, Bedford MK42 7NR

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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.