



BEDFORDSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

Members of Audit and Standards Committee.

Bedford Borough Councillors: M Headley

Central Bedfordshire Councillors: F Chapman, J Chatterley, P Downing and P Duckett

Luton Borough Councillors: Y Waheed

A meeting of **Audit and Standards Committee** will be held at **Conference Room, Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters, Kempston, Bedford MK42 7NR** on **Thursday, 14 March 2019** starting at **10.00 am**.

John Atkinson
Secretary/Monitoring Officer

A G E N D A

Item	Subject	Lead	Purpose of Discussion
1.	Apologies	Chair	
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	(Pages 5 - 16)

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4.	Minutes	Chair	To confirm minutes of the meeting held on 6 December 2018 (Pages 17 - 26)
5.	Public Participation		To receive any questions put to the Authority under the Public Participation Scheme
6.	External Audit Plan 2018/19 (Ernst & Young)	CFO/Ernst & Young	To consider a report (Pages 27 - 64)
7.	Ernst & Young Quality Assurance Processes	CFO/Ernst & Young	To consider a report (Pages 65 - 98)
8.	Internal Audit Progress Report (RSM)	CFO/RSM	To consider a report (Pages 99 - 106)
9.	Internal Audit Strategy 2019/20 to 2021/22 (RSM)	CFO/RSM	To consider a report (Pages 107 - 126)
10.	Audit and Governance Action Plan Monitoring - Exception Report and Summary Analysis	CFO	To consider a report (Pages 127 - 134)
11.	Update to the Authority's Financial Regs (Biennial review)	Chief Accountant	To consider a report (Pages 135 - 154)
12.	Review of Work Programme 2018/19	CFO	To consider a report (Pages 155 - 160)

Local Government Act 1972: Schedule 12A (as amended) - Exclusions on the Public

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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13.	Review of BFRS Corporate Risk Register	OAM	To consider a report (Pages 161 - 180)

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14.	FRA Requested Report	Secretary/ Monitoring Officer	Report to follow
	Next Meeting	10.00 am on 10 July 2019 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.