Bedfordshire Fire and Rescue Authority Audit and Standards Committee 10 July 2019 Item No. 7

| REPORT AUTHOR:                                  | SECRETARY/MONITORING OFFICER   |       |                        |  |
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| SUBJECT:  | TERMS OF REFE  | RENCE |                        |  |
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| Background Papers:                              | None   |       |                        |  |
| Implications (tick $\checkmark$ ):              |  |       |                        |  |
| LEGAL   |  |       | FINANCIAL              |  |
| HUMAN RESOURCES                                 |  |       | EQUALITY IMPACT        |  |
| ENVIRONMENTAL                                   |  |       | POLICY                 |  |
| CORPORATE RISK                                  | Known  |       | OTHER (please specify) |  |
| Any implications affecting                      | New  |       |                        |  |

Any implications affecting this report are noted at the end of the report.

## PURPOSE:

To review the Terms of Reference for the Audit and Standards Committee.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

That:

- 1. Members consider the Terms of Reference for the Audit and Standards Committee and recommend any changes for 2019/20 to the Fire Authority.
- 1. <u>Introduction</u>
- 1.1 The Audit and Standards Committee has been established to ensure that the following areas of the Fire and Rescue Service are functioning efficiently and effectively, challenging areas of under performance as required and approving any associated policy as necessary:
  - Audit Activity
  - Regulatory Framework
  - Accounts
  - Standards
- 2. <u>Terms of Reference</u>
- 2.1 The Terms of Reference for the Audit and Standards Committee were last revised in July 2018 and are appended to this report.
- 2.2 Members are asked to consider the current Terms of Reference and recommend any changes required for 2019/20 to the Fire and Rescue Authority
- 2.3 The Terms of Reference may need to be reviewed further following any recommendations from the Governance Audit.

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