

LANCASHIRE COMBINED FIRE AUTHORITY

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Thursday, 26 January 2017 in Main Conference Room, Service Headquarters, Fulwood commencing at 10.00 am.

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AGENDA

PART 1 (open to press and public)

Chairman's Announcement – Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY AND NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS

Members are asked to consider any pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests they may have to disclose to the meeting in relation to matters under consideration on the agenda.
3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Pages 1 - 4)
4. EXTERNAL AUDIT - ANNUAL AUDIT LETTER 2015/16 (Pages 5 - 18)
5. EXTERNAL AUDIT - AUDIT COMMITTEE UPDATE 2016/17 (Pages 19 - 34)
6. INTERNAL AUDIT MONITORING REPORT (Pages 35 - 44)
7. AUDIT COMMISSION - CONSULTATION ON 2017/18 WORK PROGRAMME AND SCALE OF FEES (Pages 45 - 46)
8. CHANGES TO ARRANGEMENTS FOR APPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL AUDITORS (Pages 47 - 54)
9. AMENDMENTS TO THE SCHEME OF DELEGATION (Pages 55 - 56)
10. RISK MANAGEMENT

(Report to follow)

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting of the Committee has been agreed for 10:00 hours on 30 March 2017 in the Main Conference Room, at Lancashire Fire & Rescue Service Headquarters, Fulwood.

Further meetings are scheduled for 22 June 2017 and 28 September 2017.

12. URGENT BUSINESS

An item of business may only be considered under this heading where, by reason of special circumstances to be recorded in the Minutes, the Chairman of the meeting is of the opinion that the item should be considered as a matter of urgency. Wherever possible, the Clerk should be given advance warning of any Member's intention to raise a matter under this heading.

13. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Committee is asked to consider whether, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, they consider that the public should be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business on the grounds that there would be a likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the appropriate paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, indicated under the heading to the item.

PART 2

14. APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL AUDITING SERVICES

(Oral report)

15. URGENT BUSINESS (PART 2)

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