

## LANCASHIRE COMBINED FIRE AUTHORITY

### AUDIT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 20 July 2021 in Washington Hall, Service Training Centre, Euxton commencing at 10.00 am.

If you have any queries regarding the agenda papers or require any further information, please initially contact Diane Brooks on telephone number Preston (01772) 866720 and she will be pleased to assist.

### AGENDA

#### PART 1 (open to press and public)

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

This meeting will be held in line with Covid-19 restrictions.

Combined Fire Authority members will attend in person.

Members of the press and public can attend in person (subject to national Covid-19 restrictions) or view the meeting via a live webcast on YouTube.

Any persons present at the meeting may photograph, film or record the proceedings, during the public part of the agenda. Any member of the press and public who objects to being photographed, filmed or recorded should let it be known to the Chairman who will then instruct that those persons are not photographed, filmed or recorded.

#### 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 THE PREVIOUS MEETING (Pages 1 - 6)

#### 4. RE-SUBMISSION OF INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN (Pages 7 - 18)

#### 5. INTERNAL AUDIT ANNUAL REPORT (Pages 19 - 34)

#### 6. EXTERNAL AUDIT - AUDIT PLAN 2020/21 (Pages 35 - 58)

#### 7. COMPLIANCE WITH CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF PUBLIC FINANCE AND ACCOUNTANCY (CIPFA) FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT CODE (Pages 59 - 68)

#### 8. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (Pages 69 - 92)

9. EXTERNAL AUDIT - UNDERSTANDING HOW THE COMMITTEE GAINS ASSURANCE FROM MANAGEMENT (Pages 93 - 100)
10. ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES 2020/21 (Pages 101 - 108)
11. ACCOUNTS CORE STATEMENTS (Pages 109 - 138)
12. RISK MANAGEMENT (Pages 139 - 162)
13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting of the Committee has been agreed for 10:00 hours on 28 September 2021 in Washington Hall, Service Training Centre, Euxton

Further meetings are: scheduled for 30 November 2021; and proposed for 29 March 2022.

14. 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.

15. 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

16. URGENT BUSINESS (PART 2)

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