



DEVON & SOMERSET FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY

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CLERK TO THE AUTHORITY

To: **Members of the Audit & Performance
Review Committee**

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AUDIT & PERFORMANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE
(Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service)

Tuesday 28 June 2016

A meeting of the Audit & Performance Review Committee is to be held on the above date, **commencing at 10.00 am in Committee Room B, Somerset House, Service Headquarters, Exeter** to consider the following matters.

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A G E N D A

PLEASE REFER TO THE NOTES AT THE END OF THE AGENDA LISTING SHEETS

- 1 **Election of Chair**
- 2 **Apologies**
- 3 **Minutes of previous meeting (Pages 1 - 6)**

4 **Items Requiring Urgent Attention**

Items which, in the opinion of the Chair, should be considered at the meeting as matters of urgency.

5 **Election of Vice Chair**

PART 1 - OPEN COMMITTEE

6 Grant Thornton Update (Pages 7 - 20)

The Authority's external auditor, Grant Thornton, has submitted FOR INFORMATION a report (enclosed with this agenda) setting out the progress made in delivering its audit responsibilities to the Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Authority up to 20 June 2016. The report also covers emerging issues and developments.

Also enclosed with this agenda FOR INFORMATION is the Audit Fee Letter for 2016/17.

7 Draft Statement of Accounts 2015/16 (Pages 21 - 78)

Report of the Treasurer (APRC/16/11) attached.

8 Draft Statement of Assurance 2015/16 (Pages 79 - 104)

Report of the Area Manager (Organisational Assurance) (APRC/16/12) attached.

9 Strategic Self Assessment (Pages 105 - 108)

Report of the Area Manager (Organisational Assurance) (APRC/16/13) attached.

10 Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Service Performance Report: Quarter 4 2015/16 (Pages 109 - 130)

Report of the Chief Fire Officer (APRC/16/14) attached.

MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO SIGN THE ATTENDANCE REGISTER

Membership:-

Councillors Radford (Chair), Edmunds (Vice-Chair), Coles, Healey, Johnson, Way and Riley.

NOTES

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| 1. | <p><u>Access to Information</u>
Any person wishing to inspect any minutes, reports or lists of background papers relating to any item on this agenda should contact the person listed in the “Please ask for” section at the top of this agenda.</p> |
| 2. | <p><u>Reporting of Meetings</u>
Any person attending a meeting may report (film, photograph or make an audio recording) on any part of the meeting which is open to the public – unless there is good reason not to do so, as directed by the Chairman - and use any communication method, including the internet and social media (Facebook, Twitter etc.), to publish, post or otherwise share the report. The Authority accepts no liability for the content or accuracy of any such report, which should not be construed as representing the official, Authority record of the meeting. Similarly, any views expressed in such reports should not be interpreted as representing the views of the Authority.
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| 3. | <p><u>Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (Authority Members only)</u>
If you have any disclosable pecuniary interests (as defined by Regulations) in any item(s) to be considered at this meeting then, unless you have previously obtained a dispensation from the Authority’s Monitoring Officer, you must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) disclose any such interest at the time of commencement of consideration of the item in which you have the interest or, if later, as soon as it becomes apparent to you that you have such an interest;(b) leave the meeting room during consideration of the item in which you have such an interest, taking no part in any discussion or decision thereon; and(c) not seek to influence improperly any decision on the matter in which you have such an interest. <p>If the interest is sensitive (as agreed with the Monitoring Officer), you need not disclose the nature of the interest but merely that you have a disclosable pecuniary interest of a sensitive nature. You must still follow (b) and (c) above.</p> |
| 4. | <p><u>Part 2 Reports</u>
Members are reminded that any Part 2 reports as circulated with the agenda for this meeting contain exempt information and should therefore be treated accordingly. They should not be disclosed or passed on to any other person(s). Members are also reminded of the need to dispose of such reports carefully and are therefore invited to return them to the Committee Secretary at the conclusion of the meeting for disposal.</p> |
| 5. | <p><u>Substitute Members (Committee Meetings only)</u>
Members are reminded that, in accordance with Standing Order 35, the Clerk (or his representative) must be advised of any substitution prior to the start of the meeting. Members are also reminded that substitutions are not permitted for full Authority meetings.</p> |