



# DEVON & SOMERSET FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY

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To: **The Chair and Members of the Audit & Performance Review Committee**

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## **AUDIT & PERFORMANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE** **(Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Authority)**

**Wednesday 4 March 2020**

A meeting of the Audit & Performance Review Committee will 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 Apologies**

**2 Minutes (Pages 1 - 4)**

of the previous meeting held on 13 November 2019 attached.

**3 Items Requiring Urgent Attention**

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

### **PART 1 - OPEN COMMITTEE**

**4 External Audit Progress Report and Sector Update (Pages 5 - 26)**

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 the beginning of February 2020 together with a Sector Update.

- 5**     **External Audit Plan (Pages 27 - 44)**  
The Authority's External Auditor, Grant Thornton, has submitted, for information (and as attached), an overview of the planned scope and timing of the statutory audit of Devon and Somerset Fire and Rescue Authority ('the Authority') for the year ended 31 March 2020.
- 6**     **Group Accounts for Devon & Somerset Fire & Rescue Authority & Red One Ltd. (Pages 45 - 46)**  
Report of the Director of Finance & Resourcing (Treasurer) (APRC/20/1) attached.
- 7**     **Audit & Review 2019-20 Progress Report (Pages 47 - 56)**  
Report of the Director of Governance & Digital Services (APRC/20/2) attached.
- 8**     **2020-21 Internal Audit Plan (Pages 57 - 58)**  
Report of the Director of Governance & Digital Services (APRC/20/3) attached.
- 9**     **2019-20 Draft Annual Statement of Assurance (Pages 59 - 90)**  
Report of the Director of Governance & Digital Services (APRC/20/4) attached.
- 10**    **Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary & Fire & Rescue Services inspection - Progress Update (Pages 91 - 92)**  
Report of Director of Governance & Digital Services (APRC/20/5) attached.
- 11**    **Corporate Performance Measures - Review (Pages 93 - 94)**  
Report of the Director of Governance & Digital Services & Director of Service Improvement (APRC/20/6) attached.
- 12**    **Authority Policy For Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (RIPA) - Review (Pages 95 - 98)**  
Report of the Director of Governance & Digital Services (APRC/20/7) attached.

**MEMBERS ARE REQUESTED TO SIGN THE ATTENDANCE REGISTER**

Membership:-

Councillors Healey MBE (Chair), Clayton, Napper, Prowse (Vice-Chair), Saywell, Way and Wheeler

**NOTES**

<b>1.</b>	<b><u>Access to Information</u></b> 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.
<b>2.</b>	<b><u>Reporting of Meetings</u></b> 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 Chair - 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.  Flash photography is not permitted and any filming must be done as unobtrusively as possible from a single fixed position without the use of any additional lighting; focusing only on those actively participating in the meeting and having regard also to the wishes of any member of the public present who may not wish to be filmed. As a matter of courtesy, anyone wishing to film proceedings is asked to advise the Chair or the Democratic Services Officer in attendance so that all those present may be made aware that is happening.
<b>3.</b>	<b><u>Declarations of Interests at meetings (Authority Members only)</u></b> If you are present at a meeting and you are aware that you have either a disclosable pecuniary interest, personal interest or non-registerable interest in any matter being considered or to be considered at the meeting then, unless you have a current and relevant dispensation in relation to the matter, you must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>(i) disclose at that meeting, by no later than commencement of consideration of the item in which you have the interest or, if later, the time at which the interest becomes apparent to you, the existence of and – for anything other than a “sensitive” interest – the nature of that interest; and then</li><li>(ii) withdraw from the room or chamber during consideration of the item in which you have the relevant interest.</li></ul> 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 an interest of a sensitive nature. You must still follow (i) and (ii) above. Where a dispensation has been granted to you either by the Authority or its Monitoring Officer in relation to any relevant interest, then you must act in accordance with any terms and conditions associated with that dispensation. Where you declare at a meeting a disclosable pecuniary or personal interest that you have not previously included in your Register of Interests then you must, within 28 days of the date of the meeting at which the declaration was made, ensure that your Register is updated to include details of the interest so declared.
<b>4.</b>	<b><u>Part 2 Reports</u></b> 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.
<b>5.</b>	<b><u>Substitute Members (Committee Meetings only)</u></b> Members are reminded that, in accordance with Standing Order 37, 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.