

MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

MEETING OF THE

AUDIT SUB-COMMITTEE

21 JULY 2015

MINUTES

Present: Cllr Denise Roberts (Chair) Councillors Mike Kearns,
James Roberts and Lesley Rennie

Also Present: Cllr James Roberts arrived late

Apologies of absence were received from: Cllr Paul Tweed

1. Preliminary Matters

Members considered the identification of declarations of interest, any urgent additional items, and any business that may require the exclusion of the press and public.

Resolved that:

- a) no declarations of interest were made by individual Members in relation to any item of business on the Agenda
- b) no additional items of business to be considered as matters of urgency were determined by the Chair; and
- c) no items of business required the exclusion of the press and public during consideration thereof because of the possibility of the disclosure of exempt information.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting

Members considered the minutes of the previous meeting held on 26 May 2015 to be a correct record and were signed accordingly by the Chair.

3. CORPORATE RISK REGISTER UPDATE APRIL - JUNE 2015

(CFO/065/15)

Cllr James Roberts arrived at the start of this item.

Members considered report CFO/065/15 of the Deputy Chief Fire Officer concerning the current risks contained within the Corporate Risk Register, the status of the risks and associated control measures.

In particular the committee considered the following Risks:

- 1.1 - Insufficient staff to maintain current levels of operational planning, training and management of intelligence
- 1.3 - Insufficient firefighters to maintain current levels of response and current number of fire appliances
- 4.6 - Increased flood risk
- 4.7 - Extreme weather
- 6.6 - Restrictions on storing sensitive information on the MFRA network.

And the steps being taken to mitigate these risks.

Members asked whether a recent incident in Cheshire, to which MFRA's Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) team was deployed, presented additional risk to the Authority and requested a report be brought to Members concerning any implications to the Authority arising from this particular incident. Members were advised that there are cross-border agreements in place and that when MFRA's USAR team are deployed then USAR team members providing retained cover are recalled to maintain cover in Merseyside.

Resolved that:

- 1) The updated Corporate Risk Register be approved; and
- 2) A report concerning the implications to MFRA of attendance at the incident in Cheshire be submitted to the Authority in due course.

Close

Date of next meeting Thursday, 28 January 2016

Signed: _____

Date: _____