

## **Fire and Rescue Authority**

### Terms of Reference

- (a) Approve new policies or changes in policy relating to the development and delivery of Services appropriate to this Authority.
- (b) To consider and approve matters relating to the preparation and delivery of the Authority's Strategic and Integrated Risk Management Plans, including due consideration of recommendations of the Audit and Scrutiny Sub Committee.
- (c) Determine the Authority's Precept.
- (d) Approve the Authority's Budget.
- (e) Approve Delegated Powers to Officers.
- (f) Refer any matter to the Audit and Scrutiny Sub Committee or to establish a Task and Finish Group/Efficiency Review where it is considered the matter requires further / in depth scrutiny.
- (g) Have responsibility for the Authority's Risk Management Strategy.
- (h) Co-ordinate as necessary the response of the Authority to any reports received from Auditors, or any Constituent District Council.
- (i) Determine issues related to the liaison with and representation upon outside bodies and organisations.
- (j) To consider all matters relating to Merseyside's interest in Europe.
- (k) To consider and approve response to statutory consultation documents and any consequent implications for the Authority with respect to Governance arrangements, corporate risk management and business continuity.
- (l) Maintain an overview of the effectiveness of the Constitution.
- (m) Monitor effectiveness and outcomes relating to Authority policies on Whistle Blowing, anti-fraud and anti-corruption.
- (n) Consider any matter which requires a decision by a designated committee or sub-committee, but cannot await the next meeting of that designated committee.