

AUDIT & VALUE FOR MONEY SCRUTINY PANEL

OF THE

MERSEYSIDE FIRE & RESCUE AUTHORITY

10TH MARCH 2011

MINUTES

PRESENT: Councillors: Denise Roberts (Chair), Colin Strickland, Eddie Clein and Lesley Rennie

ALSO PRESENT: Councillors: Steve Niblock, Ted Grannell and Gerry Ellis
Independent Members Carole Roberts and Keith Pickup

Apologies for absence were received from:

Councillor Linda Maloney

1. Preliminary Matters

- (a) There were no declarations of interest in relation to any item of business on the agenda.
- (b) There were no additional items of business which the Chair determined should be considered as a matter of urgency.
- (c) There were no items of business requiring the exclusion of press and public because of the disclosure of exempt information.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the previous meeting held on 29th November 2010, were approved as a correct record and signed accordingly by the Chair.

3. Annual Audit Plan

Members were provided with an overview of the Annual Audit Plan by Paul Basnett from the Audit Commission regarding proposals for the audit work to be undertaken for the audit of financial statements and the value for money conclusion for 2010/11.

Members noted the plan and thanked Paul Basnett for his attendance.

4. Corporate Risk Register Update

(CFO/022/11)

Members considered Report CFO/195/10 of the Assistant Chief Executive & Treasurer, concerning an update on the Corporate Risk Register.

Members resolved that:

- (a) the risks and their subsequent scores contained within Appendix A be approved and noted.
- (b) the format of future Corporate Risk Registers be amended to make them easier to understand, whilst maintaining the relevance of the information contained therein.
- (c) a report be brought back to a future meeting of the Panel providing an update on the pilot of Firefighting Motorbikes.

5. Accounts And Audit Regulations

(CFO/025/11)

Members considered and noted Report CFO/025/11 of the Assistant Chief Executive & Treasurer, concerning the proposed changes to the Accounts and Audit Regulations.

Date of the next Meeting:

To be confirmed at the Annual General Meeting

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