

AUDIT & VALUE FOR MONEY SCRUTINY PANEL
OF THE
MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

29th MARCH 2012

MINUTES

PRESENT: Councillors Denise Roberts (Chair), Violet Bebb, Les Byrom (alternate for Tony Newman) Lesley Rennie (alternate for Ian Lewis)

ALSO PRESENT: Councillors Barbara Murray, Colin Strickland

Apologies for absence were received from:
Councillors Eddie Clein and Sharon Sullivan

1. Preliminary Matters

The Authority considered if there were any declarations of interest, matters of urgency or items that may require the exclusion of the press and public due to the disclosure of exempt information.

- (a) there were no declarations of interest made in relation to any item of business on the agenda.
- (b) there were no additional items determined as a matter of urgency.
- (c) there were no items of business on the agenda which required the exclusion of the press and public due to the disclosure of exempt information.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Minutes of the previous meeting of the Panel held on 5th January 2012 were approved by the Panel and signed accordingly by the Chair.

3. Audit Commission Report

Robin Baker of the Audit Commission provided Members with an overview of the Audit Plan for Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority for 2011/12.

Members considered and noted the Audit Plan for 2011/12 and thanked Robin Baker and Paul Basnett from the Audit Commission for their attendance.

4. Corporate Risk Register

(CFO/047/12)

Members considered Report CFO/047/12 of the Deputy Chief Fire Officer concerning a planned comprehensive review of Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority's corporate risks.

Members resolved that:

- (a) the contents of the report be noted: and
- (b) the proposal to fully review the existing Corporate Risk Register be approved.

5. Financial Review 2011/12 – April to December

(CFO/056/12)

Members considered Report CFO/056/12 of the Deputy Chief Executive concerning the internal audit activity work since the last review.

Members Resolved that:

- (a) the content of the Report be noted.
- (b) the Service's financial performance, as highlighted in the attached report, be noted.

Close

Date of the Next Meeting: To be confirmed at the AGM