

**To: All Members of the Audit Committee  
(and any other Members who may wish to attend)**



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Our ref VC/RG

Date: 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023

Dear Sir/Madam,

You are invited to attend a meeting of the **AUDIT COMMITTEE** to be held at **1.00 pm** on **THURSDAY, 9TH FEBRUARY, 2023** in the Liverpool Suite - Fire Service Headquarters.

This meeting will be available to watch via YouTube at the following link:

<https://youtu.be/V4725EKw4vQ>

Yours faithfully,

PP – V Campbell

Monitoring Officer

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**MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY**

**AUDIT COMMITTEE**

**9 FEBRUARY 2023**

**AGENDA**

**Members**

Cllr Jan Grace (Chair)  
Cllr Edna Finneran  
Cllr Harry Gorman  
Cllr Lynn Hinnigan  
Cllr Andrew Makinson  
Cllr Hugh Malone  
Anthony Boyle

**1. Preliminary Matters**

The Authority is requested to consider the identification of:

- a) declarations of interest by individual Members in relation to any item of business on the Agenda
- b) any additional items of business which the Chair has determined should be considered as matters of urgency; and
- c) items of business which may require the exclusion of the press and public during consideration thereof because of the possibility of the disclosure of exempt information.

**2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting (Pages 5 - 8)**

The Minutes of the previous meeting, held on 27<sup>th</sup> September 2022, are submitted for approval as a correct record and signature by the Chair.

**3. 2021/2022 Auditor's (Grant Thornton) Annual Report (Pages 9 - 32)**

To consider report CFO/60/22 detailing the outcomes of the Auditor's finding in relation to the 2021/22 Statement of Accounts and the Authority's arrangements to secure economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources.

**4. Grant Thornton (Audit) Progress Report and Sector Update (Pages 33 - 50)**

To consider attached report CFO/61/22 from the Authority's Auditors, Grant Thornton on delivering their responsibilities to the Authority in relation to 2021/22 and 2022/23 financial statements and value for money requirements.

**5. Financial Review 2022/23 - October to December (Pages 51 - 84)**

To consider report CFO/56/22 and to review the revenue, capital, and reserves financial position for the Authority for 2022/23. The Authority receives regular comprehensive financial reviews during the year which provide a full health check on the Authority's finances. This report covers the period October to December 2022

**6. Internal Audit Progress Report - April to December 2022 (Pages 85 - 98)**

To consider report CFO59/22 and to inform Members of the work of internal Audit for the period April to December 2022.

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If any Members have queries, comments or require additional information relating to any item on the agenda please contact Committee Services and we will endeavour to provide the information you require for the meeting. Of course this does not affect the right of any Member to raise questions in the meeting itself but it may assist Members in their consideration of an item if additional information is available.