

**To: All Members of the Authority**

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Date: 25 November 2013

Dear Sir/Madam,

You are invited to attend a meeting of the **AUTHORITY** to be held at **1.30 pm** on **TUESDAY, 3RD DECEMBER, 2013** in the Wirral Suite at Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters, Bridle Road, Bootle at Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters, Bridle Road, Bootle.

Yours faithfully,



Clerk to the Authority

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**MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY**

**AUTHORITY**

**3 DECEMBER 2013**

**AGENDA**

**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 1 - 4)**

The Minutes of the previous meeting of the Authority, held on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2013, are submitted for approval as a correct record and for signature by the Chair.

**3. MFRA Annual Audit Letter (Pages 5 - 16)**

To consider the attached Report of the External Auditors, concerning Merseyside Fire & Rescue Authority's Annual Audit Letter for 2013.

**4. Update On Financial Position (Pages 17 - 28)**

**(CFO/139/13)**

To consider Report CFO/139/13 of the Deputy Chief Executive, concerning an update on the financial position based on the latest confirmed Government announcements, in order for the Authority to consider strategic options to address the likely future financial challenge.

**5. Station Mergers (Pages 29 - 88)**

**(CFO/136/13)**

To consider Report CFO/136/13 of the Chief Fire Officer, concerning

approval, subject to public consultation, for the merger of stations; and incremental changes to crewing resulting in the closure of one or more station, in order to meet the budget cuts faced by the Authority as a result of Government announcements which will impact on the financial plan for 2014-16.

6. **DCLG Consultation On Fitness And Capability - MFRA Response**  
(Pages 89 - 104)

**(CFO/138/13)**

To consider Report CFO/138/13 of the Chief Fire Officer, concerning the MFRA response to the consultation initiated by the Fire Minister – Brandon Lewis, on the draft set of principles advanced in relation to Firefighters fitness and capability.

7. **Statement Of Assurance 2013** (Pages 105 - 124)

**(CFO/137/13)**

To consider Report CFO/137/13 of the Deputy Chief Fire Officer, concerning the Authority's Statement Of Assurance for 2013.

8. **MFRA Representation On The Board Of the Firefit Hub** (Pages 125 - 128)

**(CFO/134/13)**

To consider Report CFO/134/13/ of the Clerk to the Authority, concerning the change of nominations from the Authority for representation as a Director/ Trustee of the Firefit Hub Charitable Company.

9. **Fire Risk Management In Residential Blocks** (Pages 129 - 134)

**(CFO/135/13)**

To consider Report CFO/135/13/ of the Deputy Chief Fire Officer, concerning Fire Risk Management in residential accommodation blocks in Merseyside.

10. **Breathing Apparatus Asset Refresh** (Pages 135 - 140)

**(CFO/140/13)**

To consider Report CFO/140/13 of the Chief Fire Officer, concerning the asset refresh of Merseyside Fire & Rescue Service Breathing Apparatus sets, ahead of the planned schedule, in order to access funding from the Department of Culture, Media and Sport Spectrum Clearance Award

Panel.

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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.

Refreshments

Any Members attending on Authority business straight from work or for long periods of time, and require a sandwich, please contact Democratic Services, prior to your arrival, for arrangements to be made.