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To: All Members of the Authority



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Clerk to the Authority**

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Date: 18 June 2014

Dear Sir/Madam,

You are invited to attend a meeting of the **AUTHORITY** to be held at **1.00 pm** on **THURSDAY, 26TH JUNE, 2014** in the Community Room at Belle Vale Fire Station, Childwall Valley Road, Liverpool, L25 2PY.

Yours faithfully,

Clerk to the Authority

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MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

AUTHORITY

26 JUNE 2014

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 - 6)

The Minutes of the previous meeting of the Authority, held on 6th May 2014, are submitted for approval as a correct record and for signature by the Chair.

3. Election Of Chariman

To elect a Chairman of the Authority for 2014/15.

4. Election Of Vice-Chairman

To elect a Vice-Chairman of the Authority for 2014/15.

5. Membership of the Authority 2014/15 (Pages 7 - 10)

(CFO/065/14)

To consider Report CFO/065/14 of the Clerk to the Authority, concerning the changes to the Membership of the Authority for 2014/15.

6. Structure of the Authority (Pages 11 - 22)

(CFO/064/14)

To consider Report CFO/064/14 of the Clerk to the Authority, concerning the structure of the Authority for 2014/15.

7. **The Authority's Constitution** (Pages 23 - 26)

(CFO/069/14)

To consider Report CFO/069/14 of the Clerk to the Authority, concerning the Authority's Constitution for 2014/15.

8. **Authority Meeting Dates for 2014/15** (Pages 27 - 34)

(CFO/066/14)

To consider Report CFO/066/14 of the Clerk to the Authority, concerning dates for Authority Meetings and events for 2014/15; and draft dates for Authority Committee Meetings for 2015/16.

9. **Members Allowance Payments 2013/14** (Pages 35 - 40)

(CFO/067/14)

To consider Report CFO/067/14 of the Clerk to the Authority, concerning payments made to Members in respect of allowances during the financial year 2014/15.

10. **Scheme of Members Allowances 2014/15** (Pages 41 - 60)

(CFO/068/14)

To consider Report CFO/068/14 of the Clerk to the Authority, concerning the current Scheme of Members Allowances; and recommendations for any changes it wishes to make to the Scheme.

11. **Questions on the Discharge of Functions** (Pages 61 - 62)

(CFO/070/14)

To consider Report CFO/070/14 of the Clerk to the Authority, concerning nominations of a Member from each of the five constituent District Councils, as the Members responsible for answering questions in their Council on the discharge of the functions of the Authority.

12. **Appointment to Outside Organisations** (Pages 63 - 66)

(CFO/071/14)

To consider Report CFO/071/14 of the Clerk to the Authority, concerning

the Outside Organisations to which the Authority is currently affiliated; and to request where appropriate, confirmation of continuing affiliation for 2014/15 and the appointment of representatives to those organisations.

**13. Approved Conferences and Outside Meetings (Pages 67 - 70)
(CFO/072/14)**

To consider Report CFO/072/14 of the Clerk to the Authority, concerning the list of Approved Conferences and Outside Meetings; and any revisions to the list that the Authority wish to make.

**14. Meetings with National Politicians at Party Political Conferences
(Pages 71 - 72)
(CFO/073/14)**

To consider Report CFO/073/14 of the Clerk to the Authority, concerning possible attendance of Members at meetings held at the location of any Party Political Conferences, in order to make Authority related representations in line with the Members Scheme of Allowances.

**15. Feedback of Task & Finish Group - HR Policies (Pages 73 - 196)
(CFO/076/14)**

To consider Report CFO/076/14 of the Deputy Chief Fire Officer (on behalf of the Task & Finish Group), concerning the feedback and recommendations of the Task & Finish Group, established to review HR Policies and Procedures in relation to sickness absence and discipline.

**16. Reserve Strategy (Pages 197 - 206)
(CFO/077/14)**

To consider Report CFO/077/14 of the Deputy Chief Executive, concerning a potential reserves strategy for the Authority to adopt, in light of the Authority's debt profile and the need to finance the proposed programme of station mergers, without increasing debt costs/ burdens.

There will be a presentation delivered in support of this report.

**17. The Future Of National Operational Guidance For The Fire & Rescue Service (Pages 207 - 230)
(CFO/075/14)**

To consider Report CFO/075/14 of the Chief Fire Officer, concerning

contributions to ensure the continuation of the National Operational Guidance Programme (NOGP), on a match funded basis with the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG).

**18. Aggregation and collaboration in Procurement (Pages 231 - 318)
(CFO/049/14)**

To consider Report CFO/049/14 of the Clerk to the Authority, concerning an overview of the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) report "Fire and Rescue Procurement Aggregation and Collaboration".

**19. Local Government Pension Scheme - Employers Discretionary Policies (Pages 319 - 330)
(CFO/078/14)**

To consider Report CFO/078/14 of the Deputy Chief Executive, concerning information regarding the Local Government Pensions Scheme.

**20. Settlement of an Employer's Liability Claim (Pages 331 - 336)
(CFO/074/14)**

To consider Report CFO/074/14 of the Clerk to the Authority, concerning the implications of a claim in respect of Employers Liability Insurance.

This Report contains EXEMPT information by virtue of Paragraphs 1,2 and 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A OF THE Local Government Act 1972.

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.