

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



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Date: 15 September 2014

Dear Sir/Madam,

You are invited to attend a meeting of the **POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE** to be held at **1.00 pm** on **TUESDAY, 23RD SEPTEMBER, 2014** in the Temporary Meeting Room at Merseyside Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters, Bridle Road, Bootle.

Press and Public will be permitted entry at 12.45pm.

**This meeting will be preceded by a Members Learning Lunch at 12.00 pm.
Topic: Station Mergers and Appliance Availability Update.**

Yours faithfully,

Clerk to the Authority

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MERSEYSIDE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY

POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

23 SEPTEMBER 2014

AGENDA

Members

Les Byrom (Chair)
Peter Brennan
Roy Gladden
Ted Grannell
Denise Roberts
Jean Stapleton
Sharon Sullivan
Lesley Rennie

1. Preliminary Matters

Members are 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) the following item of business requires the exclusion of the press and public during consideration thereof, due to the possible disclosure of EXEMPT information:
 - *Agenda Item 7 – “PFI Project – Progress Report For The Period September 2013 to July 2014”*

This report contains EXEMPT information by virtue of paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting (Pages 1 - 6)

The Minutes of the previous meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee, held on 1st April 2014, are submitted for approval as a correct record and for signature by the Chair.

3. **Audit Findings Report** (Pages 7 - 40)

To consider the Audit Findings Report for 2013/14 from the Authority's External Auditors – Grant Thornton.

Representatives from Grant Thornton will be in attendance to present their report.

4. **Statement of Accounts 2013/14 - Authorisation for Issue** (Pages 41 - 152)

(CFO/096/14)

To consider Report CFO/096/14 of the Deputy Chief Executive, concerning the audited 2013/14 Statement of Accounts for approval and request they be authorised for issue.

5. **Financial Review 2014/15 - April to June** (Pages 153 - 184)

(CFO/097/14)

To consider Report CFO/097/14 of the Deputy Chief Executive, concerning a review of the financial position, revenue and capital, for the Authority for 2014/15, for the period April to June 2014.

6. **The Openness in Local Government Regulations 2014** (Pages 185 - 226)

(CFO/087/14)

To consider Report CFO/087/14 of the Clerk to the Authority, concerning the Openness in Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 came into force on 4th August 2014 and of the impact of these Regulations for Merseyside Fire and Rescue Authority.

7. **PFI Project - Progress report for the period September 2013 - July 2014** (Pages 227 - 238)

(CFO/098/14)

To consider Report CFO/098/14 of the Deputy Chief Executive, concerning a review of progress on the North West Fire & Rescue Services Private Finance Initiative (PFI) Project over the period from September 2013 – July 2014 and to confirm the start of the contract management phase.

This report contains EXEMPT information by virtue of paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to 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.