

Terms of Reference of the Fire and Rescue Authority

- a. Approve new policies or substantive changes in policy relating to the development and delivery of Services appropriate to this Authority.
- b. To have oversight of the preparation of the Authority's Strategic and Community Risk Management Plans (formerly Integrated Risk Management Plan), including due consideration of any recommendations of the Audit Committee, the Scrutiny Committee or the Chief Fire Officer.
- c. Determine the Authority's Precept.
- d. Approve the Authority's Budget.
- e. Approve Delegated Powers to Officers.
- f. Refer any matter to the Scrutiny Committee and recommend that it establish a Task and Finish Group where it is considered the matter requires further/in depth scrutiny.
- g. Have responsibility for the monitoring of the Authority's Risk Management Strategy.
- h. Co-ordinate as necessary the response of the Authority to any reports received from Auditors, or any Constituent District Council.
- i. Determine issues related to the liaison with and representation upon outside bodies and organisations.
- j. To consider all matters relating to Merseyside's interest in Europe.
- k. To consider and approve response to such statutory consultation documents as may have consequent implications for the Authority with respect to Governance arrangements, corporate risk management and business continuity.
- l. Maintain an overview of the effectiveness of the Constitution.
- m. Monitor effectiveness and outcomes relating to Authority policies on Whistle Blowing, anti-fraud and anti-corruption.
- n. Consider any matter which requires a decision by a designated committee or sub-committee, but cannot await the next meeting of that designated committee.