Hereford & Worcester Fire and Rescue Authority Audit and Standards Committee 26 September 2013

Agenda

Members:

Mrs L Duffy (Chair), Mr P Grove (Vice-Chairman)

Mrs P Agar, Mr M Broomfield, Mr S Cross, Mr A Fry, Mr P Gretton, Mrs A Hingley, Mr B Matthews, Mr S Peters, Prof J Raine, Mr P Sinclair-Knipe and Mr P Watts.

No. Item

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1. Apologies for Absence

To receive any apologies for absence.

2. Named Substitutes

To receive details of any Member of the Authority nominated to attend the meeting in place of a Member of the Committee.

3. Declarations of Interests (if any)

This item allows the Chairman to invite any Councillor to declare and interest in any of the items on this Agenda.

4. Confirmation of Minutes

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To confirm the minutes of the Audit Committee meeting held on 17 April 2013 and to note the minutes of the Standards Committee meeting held on 23 January 2013.

5. Internal Audit Annual Report 2012/13

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To provide the Committee with:

- the overall results in terms of meeting Internal Audit's (IAs) objectives as set out in the Internal Audit Plan for 2012/2013; and
- provide an audit opinion and commentary on the overall adequacy and effectiveness of the internal control environment.

6. External Audit Annual Governance Report

Report to follow

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	To present the Statement of Accounts 2012/13 for approval.	
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	To put forward the Draft Annual Governance Statement 2012/13 for approval.	
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	To provide the Committee with the draft internal audit plan for 2013/14.	
10.	Operational Assessment Action Plan 2013/14	128 134
	To provide the Audit and Standards Committee with a progress report on the action plan to address the areas for improvement arising from the Operational Assessment conducted in 2012.	
11.	National Fraud Initiative 2012/13	135 - 138
	To inform Members of the final outcomes of the National Fraud Initiative (NFI).	
12.	Annual Statement of Assurance 2013-14	139 - 146
	To consider the draft Statement of Assurance 2013-14 prior to consideration by the Authority on 3 October 2013.	