



**Wednesday,
25 January 2023
10.00 am**

**Meeting of
Audit Committee
Clemonds Hey,
Winsford
CW7 2UA**

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MEETING OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

WEDNESDAY, 25 JANUARY 2023

Time : 10.00 am

Fire Conference Room - Fire Service HQ, Clemonds Hey, Winsford, Cheshire, CW7 2UA

AGENDA

Part 1 - Business to be discussed in public

1a Recording of Meeting

Members are reminded that this meeting will be audio-recorded.

1b Apologies for Absence

1c Declarations of Members' Interests

Members are reminded to disclose any interests that are relevant to any item on the Agenda.

1d Minutes of the Audit Committee

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Audit Committee held on Wednesday 16th November 2022.

(Pages 5 - 8)

1e Appointment of External Auditor

To note:

Members may recall that the Authority opted into the national auditor appointment arrangements run by Public Sector Audit Appointments (PSSA).

PSAA has now concluded the process to secure an external auditor for the Authority and confirmed the decision earlier this month. Mazars LLP will be the Authority's external auditor from 2023-24 to 2027-28 (5 years).

Grant Thornton will complete the audit of the accounts for 2022-23 with Mazars taking over after that.

ITEMS REQUIRING DISCUSSION / DECISION

2 Internal Audit - Progress Report Quarter 3 2022-23

(Pages 9 - 16)

3 Internal Audit Report - Financial Controls Review

(Pages 17 - 28)

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 19th April 2023

Items on forward plan:

- Internal Audit Annual Report 2022-23
- Head of Internal Audit Opinion 2022-23
- Internal Audit Annual Plan 2023-24
- External Audit Annual Plan 2023-24