

# West Midlands Fire and Rescue Authority

## Audit Committee

**You are summoned to attend a meeting of the Audit Committee to be held on Monday 9 June, 2014 at 12.30 pm at Fire Service Headquarters, 99 Vauxhall Road, Birmingham, B7 4HW for the purpose of transacting the following business:**

### **Agenda**

(Reports attached unless otherwise stated)

1. Apologies for absence (if any).
2. Declaration of interests in contracts or other matters.
3. To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 24 March, 2014 as a correct record. **(Page 1)**

Presented by

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| 4. Governance Statement 2013/14.                                                                                                             | Director Resources<br><b>(Page 5)</b>            |
| 5. Monitoring Policies on Raising Concerns at Work – Whistleblowing Standing Order No. 2/20 and Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000. | Director Human Resources<br><b>(Page 15)</b>     |
| 6. Annual Report of the Audit Committee.                                                                                                     | Chair of the Audit Committee<br><b>(Page 19)</b> |
| 7. Audit Committee Update.                                                                                                                   | Grant Thornton<br><b>(Page 31)</b>               |
| 8. Review of the Effectiveness of Internal Audit.                                                                                            | Audit Manager<br><b>(Page 41)</b>                |
| 9. Self Assessment of Good Practice and Effectiveness.                                                                                       | Audit Manager<br><b>(Page 47)</b>                |
| 10. Annual Internal Audit Report.                                                                                                            | Audit Manager<br><b>(Page 51)</b>                |

**Standing Item**

12. Update on Topical, Legal and Regulatory Issues  
(Verbal Report).

**Members are asked to note that there will be a short presentation at the end of the meeting in relation to the Statement of Accounts 2013/14.**

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**Distribution:**

**Councillor T Singh (Chair);  
Councillors Aston, Mottram, Sealey and Yardley  
Mr Ager (Independent Member).**

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