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Fire & Rescue Service Scrutiny Committee

A meeting of the Committee will be held at **2.15 pm** on **Thursday, 30 November 2023** at **County Hall, Chichester, PO19 1RQ**.

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Agenda

- 2.15 pm
1. **Declarations of Interest**

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 2. **Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee** (Pages 5 - 8)

The Committee is asked to agree the minutes of the meeting held on 14 September 2023 (cream paper).
 3. **Urgent Matters**

Items not on the agenda which the Chairman of the meeting is of the opinion should be considered as a matter of urgency by reason of special circumstances, including cases where the Committee needs to be informed of budgetary or performance issues affecting matters within its terms of reference, which have emerged since the publication of the agenda.

4. **Responses to Recommendations** (Pages 9 - 14)

The Committee is asked to note the responses to recommendations made at previous meetings of the Committee.

2.20 pm

5. **Performance Report Quarter 2**

(a) **Fire and Rescue Service Strategic Performance Report Quarter 2** (Pages 15 - 40)

Report by the Chief Fire Officer.

The report provides a context to the Performance and Assurance Framework for the purpose of future scrutiny of the Executive's approach to performance.

(b) **End of September 2023 (Quarter 2) Quarterly Performance and Resources Report** (Pages 41 - 60)

A report by the Chief Executive and Director of Finance and Support Services setting out the corporate performance, finance, workforce, risk and capital programme positions as at the end of September 2023.

The Committee is asked to examine the data and supporting commentary for the Performance and Resources report and make any recommendations for action to the Cabinet Member for Community Support, Fire and Rescue.

3.20 pm

6. **Council Plan and Draft Budget Proposals 2024/25** (Pages 61 - 84)

Report by Director of Finance and Support Services.

The Committee is asked to review the County Council's budget pressures, proposed budget reductions and Capital Programme for 2024/25 within the remit of this Committee.

Feedback from the Committee will be considered by Cabinet in preparing the final draft budget and Capital Programme 2024/25 that will be presented to County Council for approval in February 2024.

- 3.50 pm 7. **Community Risk Management Plan Update** (Pages 85 - 100)

Report by the Chief Fire Officer.

This report provides an update on the delivery of the Community Risk Management Plan 2023.

The Committee is asked to review the progress of the delivery of the Community Risk Management Plan 2023.

- 4.30 pm 8. **Work Programme Planning and Possible Items for Future Scrutiny**

The Committee is asked to review its current draft work programme taking into account the Forward Plan of Key Decisions and any suggestions from its members for possible items for future scrutiny.

- (a) **Forward Plan of Key Decisions** (Pages 101 - 104)

Extract from the Forward Plan dated 20 November 2023 – attached.

An extract from any Forward Plan relevant to the Committee's portfolio published between the date of despatch of the agenda and the date of the meeting will be tabled at the meeting.

The Committee is asked to consider whether it wishes to enquire into any of the forthcoming decisions within its portfolio.

- (b) **Work Programme** (Pages 105 - 108)

The Committee to review its draft work programme taking into consideration the checklist at Appendix A.

- 4.40 pm 9. **Requests for Call-in**

There have been no requests for call-in to the Scrutiny Committee and within its constitutional remit since the date of the last meeting. The Director of Law and Assurance will report any requests since the publication of the agenda papers.

10. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Committee will be held on 1 March 2024 at 10.30 am at County Hall, Chichester. Probable agenda items include:

- Fire and Rescue Service Strategic Performance Report
- Quarterly Performance and Resources Report
- Recruitment of Retained Duty Staff

Any member wishing to place an item on the agenda for the meeting must notify the Director of Law and Assurance by 15 February 2023.

To all members of the Fire & Rescue Service Scrutiny Committee

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