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Local Government Act 1972

A Meeting of the Combined Fire Authority for County Durham and Darlington Audit and Finance Committee will be held in the County Durham and Darlington Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters on Thursday 26 September 2024 at 1.30 pm to consider the following business:-

PART A

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the previous meeting (Pages 5 - 8)
3. Annual Internal Audit Opinion and Report 2023/24 - Report of Head of Internal Audit (Pages 9 - 22)
4. Annual Review of the System of Internal Audit 2023/24 - Report of Head of Internal Audit (Pages 23 - 30)
5. Fraud and Corruption Annual Report 2023/24 - Report of Head of Internal Audit (Pages 31 - 36)
6. Internal Audit Year end Progress Report 2023 - Report of Head of Internal Audit (Pages 37 - 42)
7. Auditors Progress Report 2023/24 - Report of External Audit (Pages 43 - 56)
8. Actions to tackle the local audit backlog - letter from Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (Pages 57 - 58)
9. Revenue and Capital Outturn for the Year end 31 March 2024 - Report of Deputy Chief Executive (Pages 59 - 64)
10. Annual Governance Statement - Report of Deputy Chief Executive (Pages 65 - 76)
11. Short -Term Investments and Long Term Borrowing - Period to 31 March 2024 (Quarter 4) - Report of Deputy Chief Executive (Pages 77 - 78)
12. Short -Term Investments and Long Term Borrowing - Period to 30 June 2024 (Quarter 1) - Report of Deputy Chief Executive (Pages 79 - 80)

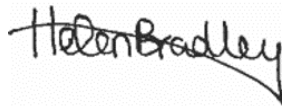
13. Such other business as, in the opinion of the Chairman of the meeting, is of sufficient urgent to warrant consideration
14. Any resolution relating to the exclusion of the public during the discussion of items containing exempt information

PART B

Items during which it is considered the meeting will not be open to the public (consideration of exempt or confidential information)

15. Outstanding Audit Recommendations March 2024 - Report of Head of Internal Audit (Pages 81 - 82)
16. Such other business as, in the opinion of the Chairman of the meeting, is of sufficient urgency to warrant consideration

PURSUANT to the provisions of the above named Act, **I HEREBY SUMMON YOU** to attend the said meeting



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TO: The Members of the Combined Fire Authority for County Durham and Darlington Audit and Finance Committee

Durham County Councillors:

Councillors R Bell, A Batey, B Kellett, N Jones and J Cairns

Darlington Borough Councillors:

Councillors A Anderson