

**HUMBERSIDE FIRE AUTHORITY**  
**GOVERNANCE, AUDIT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

**15 JUNE 2022**

**PRESENT:** Independent Co-opted Members Chris Brown, Jim Doyle, Pam Jackson, and Gerry Wareham.

Councillors Briggs as an observer.

Niall McKiniry - Assistant Chief Fire Officer/Executive Director of Service Delivery, Steve Duffield - Temporary Director of Prevention and Protection, Matthew Sutcliffe - Temporary Director of Service Improvement, Lisa Nicholson - Monitoring Officer/Secretary, and Samm Campbell - Committee Manager were also present. Andy McCulloch - Internal Audit (TIAA) attended remotely.

The meeting was held at the Humberside Fire and Rescue Service Headquarters, Kingston upon Hull. Meeting commenced at 10.00 a.m.

*The Monitoring Officer/Secretary took the chair for Minute 40/22.*

**PROCEDURAL**

**40/22 ELECTION OF THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMITTEE 2022/23 - *Resolved*** - That James Doyle be appointed Chairperson of the Governance, Audit and Scrutiny Committee until its Annual General Meeting in 2023.

*James Doyle took the chair.*

**41/22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** - Apologies for absence were received from Kathryn Lavery.

**42/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** - There were no declarations of interest.

**43/22 MINUTES - *Resolved*** - That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 11 April 2022 be confirmed as a correct record.

**44/22 MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES, OTHER THAN ON THE AGENDA** - There were no matters arising.

**GOVERNANCE**

**45/22 UPDATE: MATTERS ARISING/FEEDBACK FROM FIRE AUTHORITY** - The Monitoring Officer/Secretary provided feedback on items considered by the Fire Authority at its meetings of 29 April and 10 June 2022.

***Resolved*** - That the update be received.

**FINANCE AND PERFORMANCE**

**46/22 DRAFT ANTI-FRAUD AND CORRUPTION STATEMENT 2020/21** - The Temporary Director of Service Improvement submitted a report summarising the draft Anti-Fraud and Corruption Statement for 2021/22.

The Statement summarised the key incidents and issues from the year 2021/22. The Service had four main policies (reviewed annually) in place relating to fraud and corruption:

Whistleblowing, Anti-Bribery, Anti-Money-Laundering, and Anti-Fraud and -Corruption. Staff members were periodically reminded of the policies and provided with information on how to report any concerns they might have, with an option to report anonymously to an external organisation.

**Resolved** - That the report be received;

**47/22 HMICFRS INSPECTION UPDATE** - The Temporary Director of Service Improvement provided the Committee with a verbal update in relation to Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire and Rescue Service's (HMICFRS).

The Service had completed and returned pre-publication checks on HMICFRS's draft inspection report and it was expected that the final version would be published later in the summer. The Inspectorate had begun a consultation on its inspection programme with reference to the length and scope of inspections and future themed inspections (such as the ones conducted in relation to Covid-19).

**Resolved** - That the update be received.

### **SCRUTINY PROGRAMME**

**48/22 DRAFT GAS COMMITTEE SCRUTINY PROGRAMME 2022/23** - The Committee Manager submitted a report summarising the Committee's draft Scrutiny Programme 2022/23.

**Resolved** - That the Programme be approved with thanks to the Committee Manager.