

Extraordinary Fire Authority Meeting

18 March 2026

Addendum to Item 6f, Phase 1: On-call Improvement Programme Assurance Review (January 2026) and Item 6g, Phase 2 Addendum: On-call Improvement Programme Assurance Review (March 2026)

Items 6f and 6g on the agenda are presented on a Buckinghamshire Council (**the Council**) template, as the assurance reviews were undertaken within the service level agreement (**SLA**) for the provision of Internal Auditing between the Council and Buckinghamshire and Milton Keynes Fire Authority.

It should be noted that within the SLA the assurance reviews were undertaken by Forvis Mazars on behalf of the Internal Audit team within Buckinghamshire Council. The use of third parties to fulfil the requirements of the SLA will be explicitly stated in any future reports.

The use of the Buckinghamshire Council template is consistent with previous assurance reviews for BFRS undertaken by Forvis Mazars within the SLA (such as the CRMP in 2024 and the PMO in 2026) and has been reviewed and presented to the Overview and Audit Committee by the Council's Internal Audit team. The assurance received is from the Council's independent Internal Audit team, not Buckinghamshire Council.