



**GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

Meeting of the GOVERNANCE  
COMMITTEE to be held in the Fire  
Authority Rooms at the Fire and Rescue  
Service Headquarters, Nissan Way,  
Barmston Mere, Sunderland on **FRIDAY 31  
MAY 2024 at 10.30am**

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### **Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006**

The following is not for publication as the Committee is likely to exclude the public during consideration thereof as it contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the Authority holding that information). (Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A, Part I, Paragraph 3).

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PETER HEATH  
 Chief Fire Officer/Chief Executive (Clerk to the Authority)

22 May 2024