

NOTICE OF MEETING

CORPORATE COMMITTEE

**Monday, 8th February, 2016, 7.00 pm - Civic Centre, High Road,
Wood Green, N22 8LE**

Members: Councillors Barbara Blake (Chair), Eddie Griffith (Vice-Chair), Gina Adamou, Charles Adje, Gideon Bull, Isidoros Diakides, Joseph Ejiofor, Sarah Elliott, Emine Ibrahim, Felicia Opoku, Ali Gul Ozbek and Viv Ross

Quorum: 3

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2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS (IF ANY)**

3. **URGENT BUSINESS**

The Chair will consider the admission of any late items of urgent business. (late items will be considered under the agenda items where they appear. New items will be dealt with at item 14)

4. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

A member with a disclosable pecuniary interest or a prejudicial interest in a matter who attends a meeting of the authority at which the matter is considered:

- (i) must disclose the interest at the start of the meeting or when the interest becomes apparent, and
- (ii) may not participate in any discussion or vote on the matter and must withdraw from the meeting room.

A member who discloses at a meeting a disclosable pecuniary interest which is not registered in the Register of Members' Interests or the subject of a pending notification must notify the Monitoring Officer of the interest within 28 days of the disclosure.

Disclosable pecuniary interests, personal interests and prejudicial interests are defined at Paragraphs 5-7 and Appendix A of the Members' Code of Conduct.

5. DEPUTATIONS / PETITIONS / PRESENTATIONS / QUESTIONS

To consider any requests received in accordance with Part 4, section B, Paragraph 29 of the Council's Constitution.

6. MINUTES (PAGES 1 - 10)

To consider and agree the minutes of the meeting held on 26 November 2015.

7. TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY STATEMENT (PAGES 11 - 42)

Report of the Chief Operating Officer to present the Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Prudential Indicators for 2016/17 to 2018/19 to this Committee for review prior to seeking approval from Full Council.

8. HOUSING BENEFIT SUBSIDY: 2014-15 GRANT CLAIM CERTIFICATE - REPORT ON ACTIONS TAKEN FOLLOWING EXTERNAL AUDIT OF SUBSIDY CLAIM (PAGES 43 - 48)

The external auditors update report to Corporate Committee on Thursday 26 November 2015 highlighted errors in the processing of Housing Benefit and Council Tax Reduction Claims. This report sets out the key areas of concern raised by the external auditors and shows the action plan being implemented by officers to address the concerns raised.

9. OVERVIEW OF KEY FINANCE TERMS (PAGES 49 - 54)

Report of the Chief Operating Officer to provide the Committee with further information and guidance on some key financial terms, in particular:

- Balances;
- General reserves; and
- Earmarked reserves.

10. ONESAP LESSONS LEARNT (PAGES 55 - 60)

Report of the Chief Operating Officer to set out the lessons that had been learnt from the implementation of the new Vendor Invoice Management system.

11. INTERNAL AUDIT Q3 UPDATE (PAGES 61 - 82)

Report of the Assistant Director of Corporate Governance to detail the work undertaken by the Internal Audit and Counter Fraud Teams in the quarter ending 31 December 2015 and focuses on:

- Progress on internal audit coverage relative to the approved internal audit plan, including the number of audit reports issued and finalised – work undertaken by the external provider (Mazars); and
- Progress by management in implementing outstanding internal audit recommendations; with particular attention given to priority 1 recommendations; and
- Details of pro-active and reactive investigative work undertaken relating to fraud and/or irregularities – work undertaken by the in-house counter Fraud Team.

12. EXTERNAL AUDIT UPDATE (PAGES 83 - 92)

Report of Grant Thornton.

13. CERTIFICATION WORK FOR LONDON BOROUGH OF HARINGEY COUNCIL FOR YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2015 (PAGES 93 - 96)

Report of Grant Thornton.

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS OF AN URGENT NATURE

To consider any items admitted at item 2 above.

15. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

14 March 2016, 7pm.

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Friday, 29 January 2016