



AUDIT COMMITTEE

MONDAY 29 OCTOBER 2007 at 19:30 HRS

Civic Centre, High Road Wood Green N22

MEMBERS: Councillors Rahman Khan (Chair), Bull, Davies, Gorrie, Mallett (Vice-Chair), Vanier, Whyte and Wilson

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. URGENT BUSINESS:

The Chair will consider the admission of any late items of urgent business. (Late items will be considered under the agenda item where they appear. New items will be dealt with at item 12 below

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

A member with a personal interest in a matter who attends a meeting of the authority at which the matter is considered must disclose to that meeting the existence and nature of that interest at the commencement of that consideration, or when the interest becomes apparent.

A member with a personal interest in a matter also has a prejudicial interest in that matter if the interest is one which a member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts would reasonably regard as so significant that it is likely to prejudice the member's judgment of the public interest **and** if this interest affects their financial position or the financial position of a person or body as described in paragraph 8 of the Code of Conduct **and/or** if it relates to the determining of any approval, consent, license, permission or registration in relation to them or any person or body described in paragraph 8 of the Code of Conduct.

4. MINUTES: (PAGES 1 - 8)

To confirm and sign the Minutes of the Audit Committee held on 10 July 2007.

5. DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS

6. PROGRESS REPORT TO THE AUDIT COMMITTEE FROM THE AUDIT COMMISSION: (TO FOLLOW)

7. **AUDIT COMMITTEE UPDATE FROM GRANT THORNTON (PAGES 9 - 10)**
8. **PROGRESS REPORT ON COUNTER FRAUD ACTIVITY RELATING TO HOUSING BENEFIT AND COUNCIL TAX BENEFIT - REPORT OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER: (PAGES 11 - 18)**
To advise and update Members on the Counter Fraud performance of the Benefits and Local Taxation Service from 1 July 2007 to 30 September 2007.
9. **INTERNAL AUDIT 2ND QUARTER PROGRESS REPORT - REPORT OF HEAD OF AUDIT AND RISK MANAGEMENT: (PAGES 19 - 138)**
To inform the Audit Committee of the work undertaken by the Internal Audit Service for the second quarter 2007/8 and reports outstanding from 2006/7.
10. **REVIEW OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE - REPORT OF HEAD OF AUDIT AND RISK MANAGEMENT: (PAGES 139 - 152)**
To advise Members of the level of compliance with the IPF Toolkit in relation to local authority audit committees and their effectiveness; and to provide Members with the results of the review and options for discussion and approval, to ensure that the requirements of the IPF guidance are fulfilled, and the Audit Commission feedback in relation to the Use of Resources assessments is appropriately addressed.
11. **RISK MANAGEMENT - PROGRESS REPORT - REPORT OF HEAD OF AUDIT AND RISK MANAGEMENT: (PAGES 153 - 168)**
To inform the Audit Committee of the corporate risk register and progress made in implementing the Council's risk management strategy.
12. **NEW ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS:**
To consider any new items of urgent business admitted at Item 2 above.
13. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**
Monday 28 January 2008 at 19:30, Civic Centre
Monday 28 April 2008 at 19:30, Civic Centre

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