



NOTICE OF MEETING

Audit Committee

TUESDAY, 10TH JULY, 2007 at 19:00 HRS - CIVIC CENTRE, HIGH ROAD, WOOD GREEN, N22 8LE.

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 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 judgement of the public interest.

4. MINUTES (PAGES 1 - 8)

To confirm and sign the Minutes of the meeting of the Audit Committee held on 26 June 2007.

5. DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS

6. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2006/07 AND ACCOUNTING POLICIES - REPORT OF THE ACTING DIRECTOR OF FINANCE (PAGES 9 - 124)

To detail out the council's accounting policies that have been applied in 2006/07, in order for the committee to ensure the appropriate accounting policies have been followed.

7. PROGRESS REPORT TO THE AUDIT COMMITTEE - AUDIT COMMISSION 2006/07 - AUDIT SUMMARY REPORT - JULY 2007 (PAGES 125 - 134)

8. 2007/08 AUDIT AND INSPECTION PLAN (REPORT OF EXTERNAL AUDITORS - ROBSON RHODES) (PAGES 135 - 162)

9. PROGRESS REPORT ON COUNTER FRAUD ACTIVITY RELATING TO HOUSING BENEFIT AND COUNCIL TAX BENEFIT :

- To advise and update Members on the Counter Fraud performance of the Benefits and Local Taxation Service from 1 April 2007 – 30 June 2007 and of the progress of Pathfinders. ***TO FOLLOW***

10. JOINT INSPECTION ACTION PLAN MENTAL HEALTH (PAGES 163 - 200)

To receive an update in respect of the joint inspection action plan - mental health

11. INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT 2007/8 – QUARTER ONE: (REPORT OF HEAD OF AUDIT AND RISK MANAGEMENT) (PAGES 201 - 278)

To inform the Audit Committee of the work undertaken by the Internal Audit Service for the first quarter 2007/08 and reports outstanding from 2006/07.

12. UPDATE ON RISK MANAGEMENT (REPORT OF HEAD OF AUDIT AND RISK MANAGEMENT) (PAGES 279 - 282)

To inform the Audit Committee of the progress made during 2006/07 in implementing the Council's risk management strategy.

13. REVIEW OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE (REPORT OF HEAD OF AUDIT AND RISK MANAGEMENT) (PAGES 283 - 294)

To advise Members of requirements of the CIPFA guidance, IPF Toolkit and the Audit Commission feedback as part of the Use of Resources assessment relation to local authority Audit Committees and their effectiveness.

14. NEW ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS - TO CONSIDER ANY NEW ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS ADMITTED AT ITEM 2 ABOVE.

15. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS :

Monday, 29 October 2007 at 19:30 at the Civic Centre
Monday, 28 January 2008 at 19:30 at the Civic Centre
Monday, 28 April 2008 at 19:30 at the Civic Centre

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