



NOTICE OF MEETING

Audit Committee

TUESDAY, 22ND JULY, 2008 at 19:30 HRS - CIVIC CENTRE, HIGH ROAD, WOOD GREEN, N22 8LE.

MEMBERS: Councillors Rahman Khan (Chair), Mallett (Vice-Chair), Bull, Davies, Diakides, Gorrie and Mughal

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To note any 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 15 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 **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 - 6)

To confirm and sign the minutes of the Audit Committee held on 24 June 2008.

5. DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS

6. ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND ACCOUNTS 07/08

Report of the Chief Financial Officer report and consider the accounting policies that have been followed in the production of the Council's financial statements for 2007/08.

TO FOLLOW

7. UPDATE ON KEY AUDIT ISSUES (PAGES 7 - 10)

Report of Grant Thornton to provide members with an update on the accounting and business risks identified in the audit plan presented to Audit Committee in July 2007 and updated in January 2008.

8. PROGRESS REPORT ON COUNTER FRAUD ACTIVITY RELATING TO HOUSING BENEFIT AND COUNCIL TAX BENEFIT (PAGES 11 - 14)

Report of the Chief Financial Officer to advise and update members on the Counter Fraud performance of the Benefits and Local Taxation Service from the 1st April 2008 – 30th June 2008.

9. ANTI-FRAUD AND CORRUPTION STRATEGY RELATING TO HOUSING BENEFIT AND COUNCIL TAX BENEFIT FRAUD (PAGES 15 - 22)

Report of the Chief Financial Officer to inform members of the requirement to adopt an Anti-Fraud and Corruption Strategy relating to Housing Benefit and Council Tax Benefit and to enable this to proceed to Audit Committee for approval.

10. ANTI-FRAUD AND CORRUPTION STRATEGY (PAGES 23 - 46)

Report of the Head of Audit and Risk Management to advise the Audit Committee of the revised Corporate Anti-Fraud and Corruption Strategy, Fraud Response Plan and Whistle-blowing Policy.

11. MONEY LAUNDERING REGULATIONS 2007 (PAGES 47 - 54)

Report of the Head of Audit and Risk Management to:

- a) Identify the impact on the Council of the new Money Laundering Regulations 2007 that came into effect on 15 December 2007. These build upon the existing Money Laundering Regulations 2003, Proceeds of Crime Act 2002, Terrorism Act 2000, and the Terrorism Act 2006.
- b) Provide a revised Anti-Money Laundering Policy and procedures for approval.

12. INTERNAL AUDIT - 1ST QUARTER PROGRESS REPORT (PAGES 55 - 84)

Report of the Head of Audit and Risk Management to inform the Committee of the work undertaken by the Internal Audit Service for the first quarter 2008/09 and reports outstanding from 2007/08.

13. REPORT ON THE WORK OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE 2007/08 (PAGES 85 - 92)

Report of the Head of Audit and Risk Management to advise the Audit Committee of the proposed report to Full Council in respect of the work undertaken by the Audit Committee during 2007/08.

14. REGULATION OF INVESTIGATORY POWERS ACT (RIPA) 2000 (PAGES 93 - 98)

Report of the Head of Audit and Risk Management to advise the Audit Committee of RIPA and its operation in practice within Haringey.

15. NEW ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

To consider any new items of urgent business admitted at item 2 above.

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 28 October 2008, 19:30 hours.

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