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## Audit Committee

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TUESDAY, 28TH OCTOBER, 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 13 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 as described in paragraph 8 of the Code of Conduct.

**4. MINUTES (PAGES 1 - 10)**

To confirm and sign the minutes of the Audit Committee held on 22 July 2008.

**5. DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS**

**6. TACKLING HEALTH INEQUALITIES AUDIT REPORT AND ACTION PLAN (PAGES 11 - 58)**

Report of the Joint Director of Public Health, Haringey Teaching Primary Care Trust and Haringey Council, to update the Committee of the findings of the *Tackling Health Inequalities* audit report and of actions taken to address the recommendations made in the report.

**7. PROGRESS REPORT ON COUNTER FRAUD ACTIVITY RELATING TO HOUSING BENEFIT AND COUNCIL TAX BENEFIT (PAGES 59 - 64)**

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 1<sup>st</sup> July 2008 – 30<sup>th</sup> September 2008.

**8. AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS 2007/08 (PAGES 65 - 74)**

Report of the Chief Financial Officer to update the Committee on the final outcome of the annual audit for 2007/08 and to agree the final action plan proposed by the Council's auditors following their audit of the accounts.

**9. INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT - 2008/09 QUARTER 2 (PAGES 75 - 108)**

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

**10. ALEXANDRA PALACE - INTERNAL AUDIT OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND INTERNAL CONTROLS AT THE CHARITABLE TRUST AND TRADING COMPANY (PAGES 109 - 116)**

Report of the Head of Audit and Risk Management to advise the Audit Committee of the work completed to review corporate governance and internal control arrangements at Alexandra Palace and Park Charitable Trust and Alexandra Park Trading Limited.

**11. INTERNAL AUDIT - BENCHMARKING RESULTS (PAGES 117 - 124)**

Report of the Head of Audit and Risk Management to advise the Audit Committee of the results of the CIPFA Benchmarking exercise completed in 2008/09.

**12. NATIONAL FRAUD INITIATIVE 2008/09 (PAGES 125 - 132)**

Report of the Head of Audit and Risk Management to advise the Audit Committee of the 2008/09 National Fraud Initiative exercise.

**13. NEW ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS**

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

**14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 3 February 2009, 19:30 hours.

Yuniea Semambo  
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