



## NOTICE OF MEETING

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# Audit Committee

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TUESDAY, 3RD FEBRUARY, 2009 at 19:30 HRS - CIVIC CENTRE, HIGH ROAD, WOOD GREEN, N22 8LE.

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

### 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 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 28 October 2008.

### **5. DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS**

### **6. COMPREHENSIVE PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT (CPA) - USE OF RESOURCES AND DATA QUALITY - AUDITOR'S REPORT 2008 - THE COUNCIL'S ACTION PLAN (PAGES 11 - 54)**

Report of the Chief Financial Officer to inform the Committee of the Auditor's report on the CPA Use of Resources and Data Quality audits undertaken during 2007/08. The audits were designed to provide our external auditors, Grant Thornton, with assurances that contribute to their annual Value for Money (VfM) conclusion.

### **7. GRANTS REPORT 2007/08 (PAGES 55 - 80)**

Report of the Chief Financial Officer to report to the Committee the outcomes of the annual grant work by Grant Thornton and to get approval for the action plan resulting from the report of the auditors.

### **8. REVIEW OF PROBITY AND PROPRIETY - FINAL REPORT BY GRANT THORNTON (PAGES 81 - 98)**

Report of the Chief Financial Officer to inform the Audit Committee of the outcome of the review of probity and propriety and the Council's response to the findings and recommendations.

### **9. AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT - FEBRUARY 2009 (PAGES 99 - 100)**

Report of Grant Thornton

**10. PROGRESS REPORT ON COUNTER FRAUD ACTIVITY RELATING TO HOUSING BENEFIT AND COUNCIL TAX BENEFIT (PAGES 101 - 108)**

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> October 2008 – 30<sup>th</sup> December 2008.

**11. INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT - 2008/09 QUARTER 3 (PAGES 109 - 148)**

Report of the Interim Head of Audit and Risk Management to inform the Audit Committee of the work undertaken during the third quarter by the Internal Audit Service in completing the annual audit plan and any responsive fraud investigation work. In addition, the work of the Council's personnel division in supporting disciplinary action taken across all departments by respective council managers.

**12. NEW ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS**

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

**13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday, 23 April at 7.30pm; Haringey Civic Centre.

Yuniea Semambo  
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