
Audit Committee

THURSDAY, 23RD APRIL, 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

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, licence, 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 3 February 2009.

5. DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS

6. ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND ACCOUNTS 2008/09 (PAGES 9 - 18)

Report of the Chief Financial Officer to report and consider the accounting policies that are being used for the closure of the Council's accounts for 2008/09.

7. IMPLEMENTATION OF NEW INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS (IFRS) (PAGES 19 - 22)

Report of the Chief Financial Officer to provide a background to the introduction of International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) to Local Government and to outline the process Haringey Council will be taking to ensure full implementation.

8. AUDIT COMMITTEE UPDATE FROM GRANT THORNTON (PAGES 23 - 24)

Report of Grant Thornton.

9. AUDIT AND INSPECTION FEES 2009/10 (PAGES 25 - 36)

Report of the Chief Financial Officer to inform the Committee of the proposed audit and inspection fees for 2009/10 to be charged by Grant Thornton and the Audit Commission.

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

TO FOLLOW

11. INTERNAL AUDIT ANNUAL PLAN AND STRATEGY 2009/10 (PAGES 37 - 76)

Report of the Head of Audit and Risk Management to inform Members of the proposed Annual Internal Audit Plan for 2009/10 and to advise Members of the internal audit strategy.

12. INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT - 2008/09 QUARTER 4 (PAGES 77 - 128)

Report of the Head of Audit and Risk Management to inform the Committee of the work undertaken during the fourth 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.

13. RISK MANAGEMENT AND CORPORATE RISK REGISTER (PAGES 129 - 170)

Report of the Head of Audit and Risk Management to inform the Audit Committee of the current position on risk management implementation across the Council and provide a revised risk management strategy for consideration and approval and to provide a register of corporate business risks for review.

14. OFFICE OF THE SURVEILLANCE COMMISSIONERS (OSC) INSPECTION (PAGES 171 - 182)

Report of the Head of Audit and Risk Management to inform Members of the inspection visit made to Haringey by the Assistant Surveillance Commissioner in March 2009 and to inform Members of the recommendations made by the OSC and the council's response in order to ensure these are appropriately addressed.

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, 2 June 2009 at 19:30hrs.

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