
Audit Committee

MONDAY, 1ST FEBRUARY, 2010 at 19:30 HRS - CIVIC CENTRE, HIGH ROAD, WOOD GREEN, N22 8LE.

MEMBERS: Councillors Khan (Chair), Diakides, Gorrie, Mallett (Vice-Chair), Mughal, Meehan, Butcher and Dobbie

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES

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 20 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 matter 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 - 12)

To confirm and sign the minutes of the Audit Committee held on the 5 November 2009.

5. DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS

6. GRANT THORNTON PROGRESS REPORT (PAGES 13 - 14)

7. GRANTS REPORT 2008/09 (PAGES 15 - 40)

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. EXTERNAL AUDIT PLAN 2009/10 (PAGES 41 - 60)

Report of the Chief Financial Officer to inform the Committee of the external audit plan for 2009/10 proposed by Grant Thornton and to agree the revised audit fees.

9. TACKLING HEALTH INEQUALITIES IN HARINGEY - FOLLOW UP REPORT (PAGES 61 - 80)

Report of Grant Thornton.

10. JAR ACTION PLAN UPDATE (PAGES 81 - 126)

To provide an overview of progress in delivery of the Safeguarding Plan up to the month of December, for the Committee to note the programme management arrangements for the Safeguarding Plan, progress against the milestones set out within the Plan, progress against safeguarding performance indicators and the Safeguarding Plan risk management report.

11. DATA QUALITY - UPDATE REPORT (PAGES 127 - 156)

Report of the Assistant Chief Executive, Performance, Policy, Partnership and Communication to provide an update on work being done to improve data quality across the council.

12. HOUSING BENEFITS 3RD QUARTER PROGRESS REPORT ON COUNTER FRAUD ACTIVITY (PAGES 157 - 162)

Report of the Chief Financial Officer to advise and update Members of the Counter Fraud performance of the Benefit and Local Taxation Service from the 1st October 2009 – 31st December 2009.

13. IMPLEMENTATION OF INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS (IFRS) - PROGRESS REPORT (PAGES 163 - 172)

Report of the Chief Financial Officer to inform the Committee of the progress made in respect of the implementation of International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and the actions that are proposed in order to secure full implementation.

14. TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY STATEMENT (TMSS) AND INVESTMENT STRATEGY 2010/11 TO 2012/13 (PAGES 173 - 202)

Report of the Chief Financial Officer to present the Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2010/11 to 2012/13 for scrutiny prior to its adoption by the Cabinet and Council and following its agreement by the General Purposes Committee.

15. INTERNAL AUDIT 3RD QUARTER PROGRESS REPORT (PAGES 203 - 248)

Report of the 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 the Council's personnel division has undertaken in supporting disciplinary action taken across all departments by respective council managers.

16. INTERNAL AUDIT - CIPFA BENCHMARKING (PAGES 249 - 258)

Report of the Head of Audit and Risk Management to advise the Audit Committee of the results of the CIPFA Benchmarking exercise completed in 2009/10.

17. REVIEW OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE (PAGES 259 - 272)

Report of the Head of Audit and Risk Management to advise Members of the level of compliance with the Institute of Public Finance (IPF) Toolkit in relation to local authority Audit Committees and their effectiveness and to provide Members with the results of the review and options for discussion and approval to ensure that the requirements of the IPF guidance are fulfilled and the Audit Commission feedback in relation to the Use of Resources assessments is appropriately addressed.

18. ANTI MONEY LAUNDERING REGULATIONS AND COUNCIL POLICY (PAGES 273 - 282)

Report of the Head of Audit and Risk Management to advise the Audit Committee of the updated Corporate Anti-money laundering policy.

19. QUARTER 3 RISK MANAGEMENT UPDATE AND REVISED CORPORATE RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY (PAGES 283 - 318)

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 to provide an updated Corporate Risk Management Policy and Strategy for review and approval.

20. NEW ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

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

21. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

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