



## NOTICE OF MEETING

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# Audit Committee

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THURSDAY, 25TH MARCH, 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 17 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 - 16)**

To confirm and sign the minutes of the Audit Committee held on the 1<sup>st</sup> February 2010.

**5. DEPUTATIONS AND PETITIONS**

**6. ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING REGULATIONS AND COUNCIL POLICY (PAGES 17 - 26)**

Item deferred from 1 February 2010. Report of the Head of Audit and Risk Management to advise the Audit Committee of the updated Corporate Anti-money laundering policy.

**7. QUARTER 3 RISK MANAGEMENT UPDATE AND REVISED CORPORATE RISK MANAGEMENT POLICY (PAGES 27 - 62)**

Item deferred from 1 February 2010. 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.

**8. JAR ACTION PLAN UPDATE (PAGES 63 - 116)**

Report of the Director, Children and Young People's Service to provide an update on progress with delivery of the Safeguarding Plan, as requested by the Committee, and an update on the findings of the Ofsted follow-up inspection.

**9. DATA QUALITY UPDATE (PAGES 117 - 128)**

Report of the Assistant Chief Executive, Policy, Performance, Partnerships and Communication, to provide an update on work being done to improve data quality across the council in particular the Children's and Benefits and Local Taxation service.

**10. PARTNERSHIP WORKING (PAGES 129 - 174)**

Report of the Assistant Chief Executive, Policy, Performance, Partnerships and Communications to present the findings of a review of partnership working undertaken by Grant Thornton.

**11. LEASEHOLDER CHARGES (PAGES 175 - 202)**

Report of the Chief Financial Officer – To to present the findings of a review of leasehold services undertaken by Grant Thornton

**12. GRANT THORNTON - AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT (PAGES 203 - 210)**

Grant Thornton progress report.

**13. HOUSING BENEFITS 4TH QUARTER TO DATE PROGRESS REPORT ON COUNTER FRAUD ACTIVITY (PAGES 211 - 216)**

Report of the Chief Financial Officer to advise and update Members on the Counter Fraud performance of the Benefit and Local Taxation Service from the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2010 to the 8<sup>th</sup> March 2010.

**14. TACKLING HEALTH INEQUALITIES IN HARINGEY (PAGES 217 - 234)**

Report of the Acting Joint Director of Public Health to update the Committee on progress made in addressing the recommendations in the Grant Thornton *Tackling Health Inequalities* Audit Report.

**15. INTERNAL AUDIT ANNUAL PLAN AND STRATEGY 2010/11 (PAGES 235 - 276)**

Report of the Head of Audit and Risk Management to inform Members of the proposed Annual Internal Audit plan for 2010/11 and to advise Members of the internal audit strategy.

**16. ANNUAL AUDIT LETTER 2008/09 (PAGES 277 - 300)**

Report of the Chief Financial Officer to receive the Annual Audit Letter for 2008/09 from the Council's external auditors Grant Thornton and to note the issues raised and actions being taken.

**17. NEW ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS**

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

Ken Pryor  
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