



Audit Committee

Date: Thursday 20 March 2014
Time: 10.00 am
Venue: Scrutiny Committee Room, Level 2, Town Hall
Extension

Everyone is welcome to attend this committee meeting.

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Membership of the Audit Committee

Councillors -

N Ali, Barrett, Clayton, Flanagan (Chair), Hackett, Hitchen, Ollerhead, and Watson

Independent Co-opted Members -

Mr S Downs

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1 Urgent business To consider any items which the Chair has agreed to have submitted as urgent.	
2 Appeals To consider any appeals from the public against refusal to allow inspection of background documents and/or the inclusion of items in the confidential part of the agenda.	
3 Interests To allow Members an opportunity to [a] declare any personal or prejudicial interests they might have in any items which appear on this agenda; and [b] record any items from which they are precluded from voting as a result of Council Tax/Council rent arrears. Members with a personal interest should declare that interest at the start of the item under consideration. If members also have a prejudicial interest they must withdraw from the meeting during the consideration of the item.	
4 Minutes To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meetings held on 23 January 2014 (enclosed)	
5 Grant Certification workplan for Manchester City Council The report from Grant Thornton is enclosed	1
6 Audit Committee update for Manchester City Council The report from Grant Thornton is enclosed	9
7 The Audit Plan for Manchester City Council The report from Grant Thornton is enclosed	27
8 External Audit Recommendations Implementation Report The report of the City Treasurer is enclosed	51
9 Cash Handling Audits – Directorates of Children and Commissioning and Families, Health and Wellbeing The report of the City Treasurer is to follow	
10 Emergent Audit Plan The report of the City Treasurer and Head of Internal Audit and Risk Management is to follow	
11 Annual Review of Effectiveness of Internal Audit The report of the City Treasurer is to follow	
12 Head of Internal Audit and Risk Management Annual Opinion The report of the Head of Internal Audit and Risk Management is to follow	

Information about the Committee

The Committee is responsible for approving the Authority's statement of accounts; considering the Audit Commission's Annual Audit and Inspection Letter and monitoring the Council's response to individual issues of concern identified in it. The Committee also considers the Council's annual review of the effectiveness of its systems of internal control and assurance over the Council's corporate governance and risk management arrangements, and engages with the external auditor and external inspection agencies to ensure that there are effective relationships between external and internal audit.

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Further Information

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