



# Audit Committee

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Date: Thursday 29 January 2015  
Time: 10.00am  
Venue: Scrutiny Committee Room, Level 2, Town Hall  
Extension

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## **Membership of the Audit Committee**

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### **Councillors -**

Ahmed Ali, Barrett, Hackett (Chair), Ollerhead, Lanchbury, Siddiqi and Watson

### **Independent Co-opted Members -**

Mr S Downs

## Agenda

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1 <b>Urgent business</b> To consider any items which the Chair has agreed to have submitted as urgent.	
2 <b>Appeals</b> 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 <b>Interests</b> 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 <b>Minutes</b> To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meetings held on 3 December 2014	1
5 <b>[10.00-10.30am] Manchester Mental Health and Social Care Trust Governance.</b> The report of the Strategic Lead Commissioner Mental Health is enclosed	9
6 <b>[10.30-10.45] Significant Partnership Register</b> The report of the City Treasurer and the Deputy City Treasurer is enclosed	21
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## Information about the Committee

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The Committee is responsible for approving the Council'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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