

Audit Committee

Date: Thursday 26 March 2015 Time: 10.00am Venue: Scrutiny Committee Room, Level 2, Town Hall Extension

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Membership of the Audit Committee

Councillors -

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

Independent Co-opted Members -Mr S Downs

Agenda

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 declare any personal, prejudicial or disclosable pecuniary interest 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 or disclosable pecuniary 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 29 January 2015

5 **Refresh of the Code of Corporate Governance** The report of the Deputy City Treasurer is attached.

6 Audit Committee Update

The report of Grant Thornton is attached

Emergent Internal Audit Plan 2015/16

The report of the City Treasurer and the Deputy City Treasurer is to follow

External Audit Recommendations Implementation report The report of the City Treasurer and the Deputy City Treasurer is to follow

Head of Internal Audit Annual Opinion

The report of the Head of Internal Audit is to follow

Annual review of the Effectiveness of Internal Audit

The report of the City Treasurer is to follow

External Audit Plan

The report of Grant Thornton is to follow

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Information about the Committee

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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