



Audit Committee

Date: Thursday 1 December 2016
Time: 10.00am
Venue: Scrutiny Committee Room, Level 2, Town Hall
Extension

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Membership of the Audit Committee

Councillors -

Ahmed Ali, Ollerhead, Lanchbury, Russell (Chair), Siddiqi, A Simcock and Watson

Independent Co-opted Members -

Mr S Downs, Mr D Barker

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 [a] 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 meeting held on 6 October 2016.
- 5 **[10.05-10.20] Treasury Management Interim Report 2016-17**
The report of the City Treasurer will follow
- 6 **[10.20-10.30] Progress Report and Update – Year ending 31 March 2017**
The report of Grant Thornton is enclosed
- 7 **[10.30-10.40] The Annual Audit Letter for Manchester City Council**
The report of Grant Thornton is enclosed
- 8 **[10.40-11.00] Draft Code of Corporate Governance**
The report of the Deputy City Treasurer is enclosed
- 9 **[11.00-11.20] Corporate Complaints Process and Reporting**
The report of the City Treasurer is enclosed
- 10 **[11.20-11.40] Significant Partnerships Register**
The report of the Deputy City Treasurer is enclosed
- 11 **[11.40-11.50] Annual Governance Statement - Six Months Update**
The report of the Deputy City Treasurer is enclosed
- 12 **[11.50-12.00] Appointment of External Auditors – Oral report**
Oral report to the Committee by the Head of Audit and Risk

13 **[12.00-12.05] Work Programme**

The work programme of the Audit Committee is attached for information

14 **Exclusion of the public**

The officers consider that the following item contains confidential information as provided for in the Local Government Access to Information Act and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information. The Employee Appeals Committee is recommended to agree the necessary resolutions excluding the public from the meeting during consideration of these items.

An appeal process exists for members of the public who wish to appeal against the officers' recommendation for confidentiality. Anyone who does wish to appeal should contact the Committee Officer as soon as possible (preferably at least 48 hours) before the meeting.

15 **[12.05-12.30] Report on a recent whistleblowing investigation**

The report of the City Solicitor will 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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