



Audit Committee

Date: Thursday 25 January 2018
Time: 10.00 am
Venue: Council Chamber, Level 2, Town Hall Extension

Everyone is welcome to attend this committee meeting.

There will be a private meeting for members of the Committee at 9.15am in Committee Room 6, Level 2 of the Town Hall Extension. A Town Hall pass is needed to reach this room.

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Membership of the Audit Committee

Councillors -

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

Independent Co-opted Members -

Mr S Downs, Dr D Barker

Agenda

- 1 **Appointment of a Chair** (if required)
Should Councillor Russell be absent the Committee will be asked to appoint a member to chair this meeting.
- 2 **Urgent business**
To consider any items which the Chair has agreed to have submitted as urgent.
- 3 **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.
- 4 **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.
- 5 **Minutes**
To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meetings held on 30 November 2017 (copy enclosed).
- 6 **[10.00-10.20] Register of Significant Partnerships**
The report of the Deputy City Treasurer and Performance Manager is enclosed
- 7 **[10.20 – 10.30] Audit Escalation and Risk Review Process**
The report of the Head of Audit and Risk **will follow**
- 8 **[10.30 – 10.45] Internal Audit Assurance Report**
The report of the Head of Audit and Risk is enclosed
- 9 **[10.45 – 10.55] Outstanding Audit Recommendations**
The report of the Head of Audit and Risk is enclosed
- 10 **[10.55 – 11.05] Improving Contract Management and Governance**
The report of the Head of Strategic Commissioning **will follow**
- 11 **[11.05 – 11.10] Audit Update Report**
An oral report from the external auditors (Grant Thornton)
- 12 **[11.10 – 11.40] Annual Corporate Risk Management Report and Corporate Risk Register**
The report of the Head of Audit and Risk and Risk and Resilience Manager is enclosed

13 **[12.00 – 11.25] Work Programme and Audit Committee Recommendations Monitor**

The work programme and recommendations monitor is for information and is enclosed

Please note: the actual start time for each agenda item may differ from the time stated on the agenda.

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.

Copies of the agenda are available beforehand from the reception area at the main entrance of the Town Hall in Albert Square. Some additional copies are available at the meeting from the Governance Officer.

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