



AUDIT COMMITTEE

Date: Tuesday 17 March 2009

Time: 6.00 p.m.

Place: Shimkent Room, Daneshill House, Danestrete, Stevenage

Contact: James Hazlewood

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Members: R Raynor (Chair), J Gardner (Vice Chair), R Clark, J Hollywell, M Notley
Independent: B Mitchell

AGENDA

**** PART I

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2 MINUTES - 12 JANUARY 2009

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 12 January 2009.

Minutes attached

3 EXTERNAL AUDIT PLAN AND FEES 2009/10

To advise Members of the External Audit Plan and Inspection Fees 2009/10 (attached at Appendix A) to be carried out by the Council's appointed external auditors, Grant Thornton.

Report attached

Appendices attached

4 EXTERNAL AUDIT UPDATE REPORT

To note the External Audit update report.

Oral Update.

5 DATA SECURITY UPDATE

To note progress made in tightening data security controls

Report attached

Appendices attached

6 TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY (REVISED)

To consider the proposed revisions to the Treasury Management Strategy for recommendation to Council.

Report attached

Appendices attached

7 DATA QUALITY ACTION PLAN PROGRESS REPORT

To note the progress made against the actions set out in the Data Quality Action Plan

Report attached

Appendices attached

8 INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT

To note progress against the delivery of the 2008-09 Internal Audit Plan

Report attached

Appendices attached

9 2009/10 INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN

To approve the 2009/10 Internal Audit Plan.

Report attached

Appendices attached

10 CORPORATE GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK

To update Members on the application and effectiveness of the Corporate Governance Framework for 2008/09.

Report attached

Appendices attached

11 URGENT PART I BUSINESS

To consider any Part I business accepted by the Chair as urgent

12 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

To consider the following motion:-

"That under Section 100 (A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as described in paragraphs 1-7 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Act"

**** **PART II**

13 PART II MINUTES - 12 JANUARY 2009

To approve as a correct record the Part II Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 12 January 2009.

Minutes attached

14 URGENT PART II BUSINESS

To consider any Part II business accepted by the Chair as urgent