

**AUDIT COMMITTEE**

1. Membership – 6 comprising -
  - Chair - A Member who is neither a Member of the Executive nor who serves as a Scrutiny Member
  - 1 Member of the Executive
  - 1 Member who serves on the Scrutiny Overview Committee
  - 1 Other Member
  - 1 Opposition Member
  - 1 Independent person
2. Quorum - 3
3. Terms of Reference
  - 3.1 To advise or comment as appropriate on –
    - a) Internal Audit matters, including:-
      - The Annual Internal Audit Plan
      - The adequacy of management responses to Internal Audit reports and recommendations
      - The Auditor Partnership Manager's Annual Report and Opinion
      - To consider summaries of specific internal audit reports, as requested
    - b) External Audit matters, including-
      - External Auditors plans for auditing and inspecting the authority.
      - The Annual Audit & Inspection Letter from the External Auditor
      - The report to those charged with governance
      - Proposals from the Audit Commission over the appointment of the External Auditor
      - The scope & depth of External Audit work
    - c) Arrangements made for the co-operation between Internal Audit, external audit and other bodies.
    - d) Anti Fraud & Corruption issues including the Council's policies on Anti-Fraud and Corruption, "whistle-blowing".
    - e) The Council's Statement of Internal Control (SIC)
    - f) The Council's Constitution in respect of Contract Standing Orders, Financial Regulations.
    - g) The Council's Risk Management arrangements.
    - h) The Council's arrangements for delivering value for money

- i) The Statement of Accounts and related Capital Determinations.