

M MINUTES

meeting: **AUDIT (MONITORING OF AUDIT INVESTIGATIONS)
SUB-COMMITTEE**

date: **16 JULY 2012**

PRESENT:-

Councillor Mrs Thompson (Chair);
Councillors Dr Hardacre and Inston

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE:-

P Farrow	-	Head of Audit Services, Corporate Services Division, Delivery Directorate
P Main	-	Assistant Director Corporate Services Delivery Directorate
R Morgan	-	Senior Audit Manager, Corporate Services Division, Delivery Directorate
M Wilkes	-	Principal Auditor, Corporate Services Division, Delivery Directorate
C W Craney	-	Democratic Support Officer, Governance Services Division, Delivery Directorate

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PART I – OPEN ITEMS
(Open to Press and Public)

Apologies for Absence

- 1 An apology for absence had been received from Councillor Holdcroft.

Declarations of Interest

- 2 No declarations of interest were made relative to items under consideration at the meeting.

Minutes

- 3 Resolved:-
That the minutes of the meeting of the Audit (Examination of Paid Accounts /Monitoring of Audit Investigations) Sub-Committee held on 5 March 2012 be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

Matters Arising

With reference to Minute No.65 Councillor Dr Hardacre enquired as to whether a report on the Use of Agency Workers in the Community Directorate had been referred to the Adults and Community Scrutiny Panel.

- 4 Resolved:-
That the issues raised in paragraph 4.1 of the report considered at the meeting of the Audit (Examination of Paid Accounts /Monitoring of Audit Investigations) Sub-Committee held on 5 March 2012 relating to staff of the Community Directorate being seconded to other areas of development be referred to the Adults and Community Scrutiny Panel.

Date and Times of Meetings

- 5 Resolved:-
That meetings of the Sub-Committee be held at 14:00 hours on the following dates:-

1 October 2012;
10 December 2012;
4 March 2013.

Schedule of Outstanding Minutes (Appendix 1)

C W Craney, Democratic Support Officer, Governance Services Division, Delivery Directorate presented the Schedule of Outstanding Minutes.

- 6 Resolved:-
That the report be received and noted.

Sub-Committee Work Programme 2012/13 (Appendix 2)

- 7 Resolved:-
That the Work Programme for the Sub-Committee be noted.

Exclusion of Press and Public

- 8 Resolved:-
That, in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from consideration of the items of business in Part II of the agenda on the grounds that, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, exempt information falling within paragraph 1, 2 & 3 of Schedule 12A of the Act, was likely to be disclosed.

PART II – EXEMPT ITEMS
(Press and Public Excluded)

Audit Services – Counter-Fraud Report – July 2012 (Appendix 3)

P Farrow, Head of Audit Services, Corporate Services Division, Delivery Directorate and M Wilkes, Principal Auditor, Corporate Services Division, Delivery Directorate presented a report which updated the Sub-Committee on the current counter-fraud activities undertaken by Audit Services.

- 9 Resolved:-
- (i) That the report be received and noted;
 - (ii) That an update report on Counter Fraud Activities including an update in relation to the estimated cost of fraud to the Authority in comparison to other Black Country Boroughs, the national average and the Council's Audit Family be submitted to a future meeting;
 - (iii) That the further report also include the amounts of monies recovered, the amounts returned to other Agencies, for example, the Police and the amounts of write-offs of fraud

Audit Update (Appendix 4)

P Farrow and M Wilkes presented a report on current audit investigations.

- 10 Resolved:-
- (i) That the report be received and noted;
 - (ii) That with regard to Case Ref. WBP101 (Improper Use of Lottery Funding) the details of the case to be drawn to the attention of the Wolverhampton Voluntary Sector Council (WVSC) and an update

report be submitted to a future meeting on the checks and balances undertaken by the WVSC in respect of the audit procedures for Lottery Grants and associated expenditure;

(iii) With regard to Case Ref. WBP108 (Disabled Facilities Grants) an update report be submitted to the next meeting of the Sub-Committee in relation to the options for recovery of this grant.