

M M I N U T E S

meeting: **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

date: **15 APRIL 2013**

PRESENT:

Councillor Inston (Chair);
Councillors Claymore, Dr Hardacre, Holdcroft, Jasbir Jaspal
and Mrs Thompson

EMPLOYEES IN ATTENDANCE:

Delivery

K Ireland	-	Strategic Director
P Farrow	-	Head of Audit
D Johnston	-	Head of Risk Management and Insurance
K Morgan	-	Audit Services
M Taylor	-	Assistant Director-Finance
M Fox	-	Democratic Support

Community

S Norman	-	Strategic Director (part)
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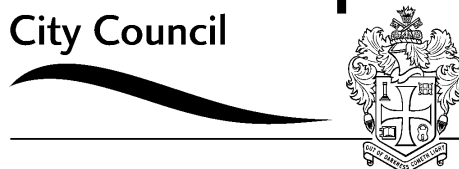
Education and Enterprise

N Edwards	-	Assistant Director-Regeneration
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PRESENT BY INVITATION:

J Howse	-	PricewaterhouseCoopers – External Auditors
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Part I – Open items
(open to press and public)

Declarations of interest

61 There were no declarations of interest.

Minutes

62 Resolved:

 (a) That the minutes of the meeting of the Audit Committee held on 11 March 2013 be confirmed as a correct record.

 (b) That the minutes of the meeting of the Audit (Final Accounts Monitoring and Review) Sub-Committee held on 25 February 2013 be noted.

Work programme 2012/13 (appendix 45)

63 Resolved:-

 That the work programme be received.

EXTERNAL AUDIT REPORTS AND INSPECTION:

Annual grants certification report (appendix 46)

 The Council's External Auditors presented their report on certification work carried out in 2011/2012. Councillor Mrs Thompson expressed concern regarding the need for qualification letters to be issued setting out matters arising in 4 areas from the certification of the claim. The Strategic Director-Delivery responded that this was due to staffing changes in a specialised area although he added that remedial action had now been taken in terms of future grant claim work.

64 Resolved:-

 That the report be received.

RISK MANAGEMENT – ASSURANCE ON CORPORATE RISKS:

Corporate risk register (appendix 47)

 This report detailed the current list of corporate risks and actions being taken to manage them. The Head of Risk Management and Insurance also circulated information about the welfare reform programme 2013, welfare reform being one of the items which had been included in the risk register.

65 Resolved:

That the list of corporate risks and the actions being taken to manage them be noted.

RISK MANAGEMENT – ASSURANCE ON SERVICE RISKS:

Community directorate – risk management and governance (appendix 48)

This report detailed the assurance measures being provided by the community directorate to mitigate current risks.

66 Resolved:

That the assurance measures detailed within the report to mitigate current risks within the community directorate be noted.

Education and enterprise – risk management and governance (appendix 49)

This report detailed the assurance measures being provided by the education and enterprise directorate to mitigate current risks.

67 Resolved:

That the assurance measures detailed within the report to mitigate current risks within the education and enterprise directorate be noted.

Vote of thanks

The Chair expressed his appreciation to the councillors and employees in attendance for their support of the committee during the current municipal year.

68 Resolved:

That the thanks of the committee to the Chair for his able and courteous service in the chair during the municipal year be placed on record.