

Audit Committee

17 November 2015

Wednesday 25 November 2015 Room 0.02, Quadrant East, The Silverlink North, Cobalt Business Park, North Tyneside commencing at 6.00pm.

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1. Apologies for Absence

To receive apologies for absence from the meeting.

2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

You are invited to declare any registerable or non-registerable interests in matters appearing on the agenda, and the nature of that interest. You are also invited to disclose any dispensation in relation to any registerable or non-registerable interests that have been granted in respect of any matters appearing on the agenda.

You are also requested to complete the Declarations of Interests card available at the meeting and return it to the Democratic Support Officer before leaving the meeting.

Minutes

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 22 September 2015.

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4. External Audit: Annual Audit Letter 2014/15

To receive the 2014/15 Annual Audit Letter from the External Auditors, Mazars.

5. External Audit Progress Report

To receive an update from Mazars in meeting its responsibilities as the Council's external auditors, including key emerging national issues and developments.

6. Annual Governance Statement – update on the mid-year review of the Action Plan and 2015/16 Approach

To advise the outcome of the mid-year review of the action plan in respect of the Annual Governance Statement and outline the proposed method for compiling the evidence for the 2015/16 Statement.

7. Report on the preparation of Annual Statement of Accounts

To outline the approach to the 2015/16 accounts and to advise of changes in legislation that will affect the preparation of the Annual Statement of Accounts.

8. Transport Infrastructure Assets

To provide an update on the on progress associated with introducing the accounting changes required by CIPFA (the Chartered Institute of Public Finance & Accountancy) for the measurement and recording of transport infrastructure assets.

9. Strategic Audit Plan 2015/16: Interim Monitoring Statement

To provide a half yearly monitoring statement in respect of the Strategic Audit Plan 2015/16.

10. Key Outcomes from Internal Audit Reports

To consider the key outcomes from Internal Audit reports issued during April – September 2015.

11. Exclusion Resolution

The Committee will be requested to pass the following resolution:

Resolved that under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) and having applied a public interest test as defined in Part 2 of Schedule 12A of the Act, 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 defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

12. Corporate Risk Management Summary Report

To consider the corporate risks that have been identified for monitoring and management by the Council's Senior Leadership Team.

Members of the Audit Committee:-

Mr K Robinson (Chair)
Mr M Wilkinson (Deputy Chair)
Councillor G Bell
Councillor L Bell
Councillor D McGarr
Councillor A McMullen
Councillor J O'Shea
Councillor M Rankin
Councillor J Wallace