

Audit Committee

North Tyneside Council

22 November 2016

Wednesday 30 November 2016 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.

3. Minutes

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 21 September 2016.

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4. Internal Audit and Risk Management – Shared Service Update

To receive a presentation which provides an update on the shared Internal Audit and Risk Management services in North Tyneside and Northumberland.

5. External Audit: Annual Audit Letter 2015/16 (attached)

To receive the 2015/16 Annual Audit Letter from the External Auditors, Mazars.

6. External Audit: Audit Progress Report November 2016 (attached)

To receive an update from Mazars on how it is meeting its responsibilities as the Authority's external auditors, including key emerging national issues and developments.

7 Annual Governance Statement (attached)

To consider a report which provides the outcomes of the mid year review of the Annual Governance Statement Action Plan and outlines the proposed method for compiling evidence for the 2016/17 Annual Governance Statement.

8. Annual Statement of Accounts 2016/17 (attached)

To consider a report which sets out the progress made in respect of the preparation of the 2016/17 Annual Statement of Accounts and the work being undertaken in relation to the new statutory dates for closing the accounts from 2017/18 onwards.

9. Strategic Audit Plan 2016/17 Interim Monitoring Statement (attached)

To consider the interim monitoring statement in respect of the Strategic Audit Plan 2016/17.

10. Key Outcomes from Internal Audit reports issued during April to September 2016 (attached)

To consider a report which sets out the key outcomes of internal audit reports which have been issued between April and September 2016.

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 Report (attached)

To consider a report which sets out the corporate risks which have been identified for monitoring and management by the Authority'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 Cox Councillor N Craven Councillor A McMullen Councillor J Wallace Councillor F Weetman