

Audit Committee

(Quorum 2)

Conservative Group

Councillors Michael Bond (Chairman), Jenny Antill, Michael Gower, Chris Punt.

Labour Group

Councillor Len Jacklin.

UKIP Group

Councillor Bert Poole.

Liberal Democrat and Independent Group

Councillor David Busby.

Date: Wednesday, 15 March 2017

Venue: Elisabeth Room
Endeavour House
8 Russell Road
Ipswich, Suffolk, IP1 2BX

Time: 10:00am

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Business to be taken in public

1. Public Participation Session

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A speaker will need to give written notice of their wish to speak at the meeting using the contact details under 'Public Participation in Meetings' by no later than 12 noon on Thursday, 9 March 2017.

The public participation session will not exceed 20 minutes to enable the Committee to consider its other business.

2. Apologies for Absence and Substitutions

To note and record any apologies for absence or substitutions received.

3. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

To receive any declarations of interests, and the nature of that interest, in respect of any matter to be considered at this meeting.

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

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To approve as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting held on 30 January 2017.

5. Ernst and Young 2016/17 Audit Plan

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To receive the 2016/17 Audit Plan and an update on progress.

6. Internal Audit Planning Process and Key Themes 2017/18

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To consider the priorities for internal audit activity for 2017/18.

7. Audit Services - Progress Report

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To receive a summary of the activities carried out by Audit Services between November 2016 and January 2017.

8. **Forward Work Programme**

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To consider whether there are any matters which the Committee would wish to have included in its Forward Work Programme generally and also having regard to the Key Decision Forward Plan.

9. **Urgent Business**

To consider any other item of business which, in the opinion of the Chairman, should be considered by reason of special circumstances (to be specified in the minutes), as a matter of urgency.

The Committee is invited to consider whether agenda item 11 should be taken without the Public (including the Press) present.

10. **In considering whether to exclude the press and public during consideration of these reports, on the grounds that it is likely that exempt information under paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) will be discussed, the Committee needs to be satisfied that:**

- a) the information included relates to: an individual; is likely to reveal the the identity of an individual; and relates to the financial or business affairs of a particular person (including the authority holding that information);
- b) in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information;
- c) although the public might benefit from the information being available in terms of accountability and transparency, there is a risk that disclosing information about the financial or business affairs of a particular person including the authority holding that information will be in breach of confidentiality agreements.

The following business may be taken without the Public (including the Press) present.

11. **End of Employment Matters**

Exempt
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To consider two reports responding to key points discussed at the Committee's meeting on 29 November 2016.

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