



MANCHESTER
CITY COUNCIL

Audit Committee

Date: Friday 14 March 2008

Time: 10.00am

Venue: Committee Room 11, Level 1, Town Hall

Agenda

Everybody is welcome to attend Council and Committee meetings.

The Audit Committee deals with matters relating to the internal control of the Council's finances and risk management arrangements, and provides an opportunity for direct engagement with the District Auditor and his staff and the Council's appointed auditors.

The Committee acts with delegated powers granted by the Council.

Items of business for consideration at a meeting are set out on the agenda sheet. Most items take the form of a report containing Council officers' recommendations which may or may not be accepted by the Committee. Officers attend meetings to present their reports or give advice to members. They do not have a vote.

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- 1. Urgent business**
To consider any items which the Chair has agreed to have submitted as urgent.
- 2. Appeals**
To consider any appeals from the public against refusal to allow inspection of background documents and/or the inclusion of items in the confidential part of the agenda.
- 3. Interests**
To allow Members an opportunity to (a) declare any personal or prejudicial interests they might have in any items on the agenda; (b) record any items from which they are precluded from voting as a result of Council Tax/Council rent arrears.
Members with a personal interest should declare the nature of that interest at the start of the item under consideration. If members also have a prejudicial interest, then in addition to declaring it, they **must** also withdraw from the meeting during the consideration of the item.
- 4. Minutes**
To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 18 January 2008 (enclosed)
- 5. Statement of Internal Control – ERDF Grant**
(Report of Chief Executive)
- 6. Audit Committee – terms of reference**
(Report of Head of Audit)
- 7. Internal Audit Assurance Statement**
(Report of Head of Audit)
- 8. Review of Partnership Management Arrangements**
(Report of Grant Thornton – Auditors to the Council)

