



MANCHESTER
CITY COUNCIL

Audit Committee

Date: Thursday 25 September 2008

Time: 10.00am

Venue: Committee Room 11, Level 1, Town Hall

Everybody is welcome to attend Council and Committee meetings.

The Audit Committee comprises eight councillors and two independent members:

Councillor Mary Watson (Chair)	Councillor R. Mark Clayton	Councillor Rodney Isherwood
Councillor Peter Morrison	Councillor Paul Murphy	Councillor Jeff Smith
Councillor Anna Trotman	Councillor Simon Wheale	

The two independent members are currently unappointed.

The Committee is responsible for approving the Authority's statement of accounts; considering the Audit Commission's Annual Audit and Inspection Letter and monitoring the Council's response to individual issues of concern identified in it. The Committee also considers the Council's annual review of the effectiveness of its systems of internal control and assurance over the Council's corporate governance and risk management arrangements, and engages with the external auditor and external inspection agencies to ensure that there are effective relationships between external and internal audit.

Items of business for consideration at ordinary meetings 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. Copies of the agenda are available beforehand from the reception area at the St. Peter's Square entrance to the Town Hall Extension. Additional copies are available at the meeting from the Committee Officer.

Members of the public do not have a right to speak at meetings but if you have a special interest in an item on the agenda and want to speak, tell the Committee Officer, who will pass on your request to the Chair.

The Council is concerned to ensure that its meetings are as open as possible and confidential business is kept to the strict minimum. When confidential items are involved these are considered at the end of the meeting at which point members of the public are asked to leave

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Each Committee is serviced by a Committee Officer. If you have any questions about this or other meetings, please contact the Governance and Scrutiny Support Unit on the number below.

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Agenda

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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 27th June 2008 (enclosed)
5. **Internal Audit Update**
Report of the City Treasurer
6. **Internal Audit Outturn Report July 2007to June 2008**
Report of the City Treasurer
7. **Annual Accounts 2007/08 and Letter of Representation**
Report of the City Treasurer
8. **Annual Report to those Charged with Governance**
Report from Grant Thornton
9. **Risk Management**
Report of the City Treasurer
10. **External Audit Progress Report**
Report from Grant Thornton
11. **External Audit Recommendations – Quarterly Monitoring Report July to September 2008**
Report of the Head of Corporate Performance Group

