



**MANCHESTER**  
CITY COUNCIL

# **Audit Committee**

**Date: Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May 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.

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.

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# Agenda

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### Standard items

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 on 14<sup>th</sup> March 2008.  
(enclosed)
5. **Introduction to changes in accounting requirements for 2007/8 which will form part of the Committee's consideration of the Annual Accounts in June.** (Officer presentation)
6. **Introduction to the principles of Corporate Governance, and the Council's Annual Governance Statement (AGS)**  
(Report of Chief Executive, City Solicitor and City Treasurer)
7. **Review of the Effectiveness of Internal Audit.** **TO FOLLOW**  
(Report of Head of Internal Audit)
8. **Planning for Audit Committee workshop** **TO FOLLOW**  
(Report of Grant Thornton)
9. **Draft Work Programme for 2007/2008.**

