



Audit Committee

Date: Friday 22nd May 2009
 Time: 10.30am
 Venue: Committee Room 4, Level 1, Town Hall.
 Albert Square, Manchester. M60 2LA

There will be a private meeting for Members only at 10.00am in the Chamber

Everybody is welcome to attend Council and Committee meetings in Manchester. The Audit Committee comprises eight councillors and two independent co-opted members –

Councillor Clayton	Councillor Isherwood	Councillor Lomax	Councillor Morrison
Councillor Swannick	Councillor Trotman	Councillor Wheale	Councillor Watson
Mr Andrew Caldwell, Co-opted Member		Mr John Tench, Co-opted Member	

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. 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.

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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

Standard agenda 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 which appear on this agenda; and [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 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 2nd April 2009

Items for which decisions will be made by the Committee under powers delegated to it under the Council Constitution

- 5 **Interim report on the 2008/09 accounts audit**
Report of Grant Thornton (Auditors to the Council)
- 6 **Annual Audit Fee 2009/2010**
Report of Grant Thornton (Auditors to the Council)
- 7 **External Audit recommendations – quarterly monitoring report**
Report of Head of Corporate Performance
8. **Draft Annual Governance Statement**
Joint report of Chief Executive, City Solicitor and City Treasurer



9. **Internal Audit Plan 2008/2009 report on implementation/completion of the plan**
Report of Head of Audit and Risk Management
10. **Review of Internal Audit**
Verbal Report of City Treasurer
11. **New International Accounting Standard - Project Plan**
Report of City Treasurer
12. **Audit Committee Training Plan 2009/2010**
Report of Head of Audit and Risk Management/City Solicitor
13. **Work Programme – May 2009 / March 2010**

Items for which recommendations will be made to the City Council for approval

None on this agenda