



**MANCHESTER**  
CITY COUNCIL

## **Audit Committee**

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**Date: Thursday 11 March 2010**

**Time: 10.30 am**

**Venue: Committee Room 11, Level 1, Town Hall**

There is a private meeting for Members at 10.00 am in Committee Room 11

### **Membership of the Committee:**

#### Councillors -

M Clayton  
R Isherwood  
P Morrison  
E Lomax

N Swannick  
A Trotman  
S Wheale  
M Watson (Chair)

Independent Co-opted Members –  
Mr A Caldwell and Mr J Tench

## **Information about Audit Committee**

Everybody is welcome to attend Council Committee and Sub-Committee meetings.

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 Main Entrance of the Town Hall in Albert Square. Some additional copies are available at the meeting from the Governance Officer.

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**Sir Howard Bernstein**  
**Chief Executive**

**Town Hall, Albert Square**  
**Manchester, M60 2LA**

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# Agenda

**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 [c] the existence and nature of party whipping arrangements in respect of any item to be considered at this meeting. Members with a personal interest should declare that interest at the start of the item under consideration. If members also have a prejudicial interest they must 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 14 January 2010 (enclosed).

**5 Audit Commission Publications**

(Report of Governance and Scrutiny Support Unit)

**6. Comprehensive Area Assessment 2009**

(Report of Assistant Chief Executive [Performance])

**7. Internal Audit 2010/11 Emergent Plan.**

(Report of Head of Audit and Risk)

**8. Internal Audit recommendations monitoring.**

(Report of Head of Audit and Risk)

**9. Internal Audit Annual Assurance Statement 2009/10.**

(Report of Head of Audit and Risk)

**10. Risk Management Policy and Strategy.**

(Report of Head of Audit and Risk)

**11. External Audit – progress report**

(Report of Grant Thornton)