
CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

**Meeting to be held in Civic Hall, Leeds on
Monday, 14th February, 2011
at 2.00 pm**

MEMBERSHIP

Councillors

G Driver (Chair)	C Campbell	P Harrand	J Elliott
P Grahame	G Kirkland	W Hyde	
N Taggart	S Smith		
A Lowe			
J Lewis			
T Hanley			

Co-opted Member

Gordon Tollefson
(Chair of Standards Committee)

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1			<p>APPEALS AGAINST REFUSAL OF INSPECTION OF DOCUMENTS</p> <p>To consider any appeals in accordance with Procedure Rule 25 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules (in the event of an Appeal the press and public will be excluded).</p> <p>(*In accordance with Procedure Rule 25, written notice of an appeal must be received by the Chief Democratic Services Officer at least 24 hours before the meeting)</p>	
2			<p>EXEMPT INFORMATION - POSSIBLE EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC</p> <p>1 To highlight reports or appendices which officers have identified as containing exempt information, and where officers consider that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information, for the reasons outlined in the report.</p> <p>2 To consider whether or not to accept the officers recommendation in respect of the above information.</p> <p>3 If so, to formally pass the following resolution:-</p> <p>RESOLVED – That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following parts of the agenda designated as containing exempt information on the grounds that it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the press and public were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information, as follows:-</p>	

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3			<p>LATE ITEMS</p> <p>To identify items which have been admitted to the agenda by the Chair for consideration.</p> <p>(The special circumstances shall be specified in the minutes)</p>	
4			<p>DECLARATION OF INTERESTS</p> <p>To declare any personal / prejudicial interests for the purpose of Section 81(3) if the Local Government Act 2000 and paragraphs 8 to 12 of the Members Code of Conduct.</p>	
5			<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>To receive any apologies for absence.</p>	
6			<p>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING</p> <p>To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 24th January 2011.</p>	1 - 4
7			<p>CORPORATE PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS</p> <p>To receive a report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Planning, Policy and Improvement) demonstrating how the procedures in place act as an early warning system for potential areas of concern, rather than the authority relying on inspection from internal bodies alone.</p>	5 - 14
8			<p>IMPLICATIONS OF THE LOCALISM BILL FOR THE ETHICAL FRAMEWORK IN LEEDS</p> <p>To receive a report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) briefing Members of the Corporate Governance and Audit Committee on the aspects of the Localism Bill which relate to the Council's ethical governance arrangements.</p>	15 - 26

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9			<p>INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS</p> <p>To receive a report of the Director of Resources updating the Committee on progress towards implementing International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) based accounts for the 2010/11 financial year.</p>	27 - 36
10			<p>REPORTING ARRANGEMENTS FOR SIGNIFICANT LEGAL CASES INVOLVING THE COUNCIL</p> <p>To receive a report of the Chief Officer (Legal, Licensing and Registration) advising the Committee of current arrangements for advising management of significant legal cases involving the Council and to discuss how the process could be improved.</p>	37 - 44
11			<p>REPORTING ARRANGEMENTS FOR SIGNIFICANT CLAIMS AGAINST THE COUNCIL</p> <p>To receive a report of the Director of Resources advising the Committee of current arrangements for advising management of significant legal action against the Council.</p>	45 - 50
12			<p>INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT FEBRUARY 2011</p> <p>To receive a report of the Director of Resources detailing work undertaken by the internal audit section focussing particularly on 'value added' to the organisation through this work. The report also contains a summary of completed jobs along with their individual opinions.</p>	51 - 72
13			<p>COMMUNITIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION - AMENDMENTS TO THE ACCOUNTS & AUDIT REGULATIONS 2003</p> <p>To receive a report of the Director of Resources informing Members of the main amendments to the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2003 and seek Members' views on the proposed changes.</p>	73 - 102

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14			<p>WORK PROGRAMME</p> <p>To receive a report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance) notifying and inviting comment from the Committee upon the work programme.</p>	103 - 108