

# Agenda

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## Audit and Governance Committee

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# Audit and Governance Committee

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**AGENDA**

Pages

**PART ONE  
PUBLIC BUSINESS**

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillors serving on the Committee are asked to declare any personal or personal prejudicial interests they may have in any of the following agenda items.

**3. INTERNAL AUDIT SUMMARY REPORT – 2010/11 PLAN – PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS (PWC)**

The Interim Head of Finance has submitted a report on behalf of the Council’s Internal Auditors. The report provides an update of the work undertaken as part of the audit plan.

The Committee is asked to comment on and note the report.

**UB1. CITY WORKS (TRADE WASTE) REVIEW – PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS (PWC)**

The Interim Head of Finance has submitted a report on behalf of the Council’s Internal Auditors, which the Chair has agreed to certify as urgent business. The report details the findings from the City Works (Trade Waste) Review recently undertaken.

The Committee is asked to comment on and note the report.

**4. INTERNAL AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS TRACKER UPDATE**

The Head of Finance has submitted a report which reports on the progress of the audit recommendations.

The Committee is asked to note the progress of the recommendation listed in the appendix.

5.	<b>INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS (IFRS) UPDATE</b>	
	<p>The Head of Finance has submitted a report which updates the Committee on the Councils progress with the transition of the Council's accounts to International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), the timescales for completing this and the risks associated with transition.</p> <p>The Committee is asked to comment on and note the report.</p>	
6.	<b>AUDIT COMMISSION PROGRESS REPORT</b>	<b>1-14</b>
	<p>The Interim Head of Finance has submitted a report on behalf of the Audit Commission which details the progress made in delivering the work set out in the 2009/10 audit plan.</p> <p>The Committee is asked to comment on and note the report.</p>	
7.	<b>2010/11 OPINION AUDIT – CHANGES YOU CAN EXPECT TO SEE – AUDIT COMMISSION</b>	<b>15-20</b>
	<p>The Interim Head of Finance has submitted a report on behalf of the Audit Commission which details what the Council can expect to see from the 2010/11 Opinion Audit.</p> <p>The Committee is asked to comment on and note the report.</p>	
8.	<b>AUDIT OPINION PLAN – AUDIT COMMISSION</b>	<b>21-42</b>
	<p>The Interim Head of Finance has submitted a report on behalf of the Audit Commission which set out the audit work proposed for the audit of financial statements and the value for money conclusion 2010/11</p> <p>The Committee is asked to comment on and note the report.</p>	
9.	<b>JOINT WORKING PROTOCOL – FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AUDIT – AUDIT COMMISSION</b>	<b>43-53</b>
	<p>The Interim Head of Finance has submitted a report on behalf of the Audit Commission which details a joint protocol between the City Council and the Audit Commission.</p> <p>The Committee is asked to comment on and note the report.</p>	
10.	<b>MINUTES</b>	<b>54-58</b>
	<p>Minutes if the meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2010</p>	

**11. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

This Item is for information only

**12. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

The Committee will meet on the following dates at 5.00pm in the Town Hall.

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2011

**13. MATTERS EXEMPT FROM PUBLICATION**

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**PART TWO**  
**MATTERS EXEMPT FROM PUBLICATION**

**C1. ALLEGATIONS OF INTERNAL FRAUD, INVESTIGATIONS AND OUTCOMES**

**59-62**

(Item C1 is exempt from publication by virtue of paragraphs 2,3 and 7, Schedule 12A, Local Government Act 1971)

- (2) Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual
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## **DECLARING INTERESTS**

What is a personal interest?

You have a personal interest in a matter if that matter affects the well-being or financial position of you, your relatives or people with whom you have a close personal association more than it would affect the majority of other people in the ward(s) to which the matter relates.

A personal interest can affect you, your relatives or people with whom you have a close personal association positively or negatively. If you or they would stand to lose by the decision, you should also declare it.

You also have a personal interest in a matter if it relates to any interests, which you must register.

### **What do I need to do if I have a personal interest?**

You must declare it when you get to the item on the agenda headed "Declarations of Interest" or as soon as it becomes apparent to you. You may still speak and vote unless it is a prejudicial interest.

If a matter affects a body to which you have been appointed by the authority, or a body exercising functions of a public nature, you only need declare the interest if you are going to speak on the matter.

### **What is a prejudicial interest?**

You have a prejudicial interest in a matter if;

- a) a member of the public, who knows the relevant facts, would reasonably think your personal interest is so significant that it is likely to prejudice your judgment of the public interest; and
- b) the matter affects your financial interests or relates to a licensing or regulatory matter; and
- c) the interest does not fall within one of the exempt categories at paragraph 10(2)(c) of the Code of Conduct.

### **What do I need to do if I have a prejudicial interest?**

If you have a prejudicial interest you must withdraw from the meeting. However, under paragraph 12(2) of the Code of Conduct, if members of the public are allowed to make representations, give evidence or answer questions about that matter, you may also make representations as if you were a member of the public. However, you must withdraw from the meeting once you have made your representations and before any debate starts.