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Audit and Governance Committee

Date: **Thursday 29 November 2012**

Time: **6.00 pm**

Place: **Town Hall**

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Audit and Governance Committee

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AGENDA

Pages

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3 ERNST AND YOUNG EXTERNAL AUDITORS - UPDATE

Maria Grindley from Ernst and Young, the Council's new external auditors, will attend the meeting and provide a verbal update on the new external audit arrangements.

4 INTERNAL AUDIT SUMMARY REPORT - 2012/13 PLAN - PRICEWATERHOUSECOOPERS (PWC)

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The Head of Finance has submitted a report on behalf of the Council's Internal Auditors, Pricewaterhousecoopers (PWC) which provides an update of the work undertaken as part of the 2012/13 Audit Plan.

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

5 PROGRESS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS

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The Head of Finance has submitted a report which updates the Committee on the progress made on the implementation of internal and external audit recommendations.

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

6 RISK MANAGEMENT QUARTERLY REPORTING: QUARTER 2 - 2012/2013

The Head of Finance will submit a report (separate to this agenda) which updates the Committee on both the corporate and service risks as at the end of quarter 2. 30th September 2012.

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

7 MINUTES

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Minutes of the meeting held on 27th September 2012.

Also attached for information is a response to questions raised by Mr Vim Rodrigo at the Audit and Governance Committee held on 27th September 2012.

8 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The Committee will meet on the following dates at 6.00pm in the Town Hall:

Thursday 28th February 2013

Thursday 18th April 2013

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