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Audit and Governance Committee

Date: **Monday 29 June 2015**

Time: **6.00 pm**

Place: **St Aldate's Room, Town Hall**

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	Recommendation: The Committee is asked to discuss the report and any other matters which are considered to influence the audit.	

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