MEETING AUDIT & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

DATE 25 SEPTEMBER 2006

PRESENT COUNCILLORS HYMAN (CHAIR), HOLVEY (VICE-

CHAIR), MOORE, R WATSON AND SCOTT

APOLOGIES COUNCILLORS JONES AND HILL

## 21. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Chair invited Members to declare at this point, any personal or prejudicial interests that they might have in the business on the agenda.

No interest were declared.

## 22. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

It was reported that there had been no registrations to speak at the meeting, under the Council's Public Participation Scheme.

## 23. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting of the Audit and

Governance Committee held on 26 June 2006 be

approved and signed as a correct record.

## 24. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE REPORT OF THE DISTRICT AUDITOR

Members considered a report which asked them to:

- Consider the matters set out in the Audit Commission's Annual Governance Report on City of York Council for the year 2005-2006 presented for discussion by the District Auditor;
- Consider the action plan arising from the report to be tabled at the meeting by the District Auditor;
- Approve the letter of representation for signature by the Chair of this Committee, having first considered whether it sufficiently reflects the views and beliefs of the Committee as those charged with governance at the Council.

RESOLVED: That

i) The matters set out in the Annual Governance Report presented for discussion by the District Auditor be noted.

<u>Reason</u>: To ensure the proper consideration of the opinion and conclusions of the District Auditor in respect of the annual audit of accounts and review of the Council's arrangements for ensuring VFM.

ii) The action plan arising from the report of the District Auditor, which was tabled at the meeting be noted.

Reason: To ensure appropriate action is being taken by officers to address any matters raised by the District Auditor further to his report.

iii) The letter of representation of the Audit and Governance Committee be signed by the Chair.

<u>Reason</u>: To ensure compliance with International Auditing Standards and relevant legislative requirements

K Hyman, Chair

[The meeting started at 4.00 pm and finished at 4.40 pm].