

Notice of meeting of

Audit & Governance Committee

To:	Councillors Pierce (Chair), Brooks (Vice-Chair), Crisp, Scott, Kirk, Moore and R Watson
Date:	Thursday, 26 June 2008
Time:	5.30 pm
Venue:	The Guildhall, York

AGENDA

Note:

As agreed at previous meetings, the Chief Internal Auditor and District Auditor (Audit Commission) will be present in the meeting room from 5:00 pm to provide a private briefing for Members, if required.

1. Declarations of Interest

At this point Members are asked to declare any personal or prejudicial interests they may have in the business on this agenda.

2. Minutes (Pages 3 - 14)

To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting of the Audit & Governance Committee held on 13 May 2008.

3. Public Participation

At this point in the meeting members of the public who have registered their wish to speak regarding an item on the agenda or an issue within the Panel's remit can do so. Anyone who wishes to register or requires further information is requested to contact the Democracy Officer on the contact details listed at the foot of this agenda. The deadline for registering is Wednesday, 25 June 2008 at 5:00 pm.

4. Statement of Accounts 2007/08 (Pages 15 - 22)

This report invites the Audit and Governance Committee to review and comment upon the Council's financial accounts for the financial year 2007/08 prior to their presentation to Full Council on 30 June 2008.

5. Review of the Effectiveness of the System of Internal Audit (Pages 23 - 32)

This report advises Members of the outcome of the annual review into the effectiveness of the Council's system of internal audit.

6. Annual Report of the Chief Internal Auditor (Pages 33 - 54)

This report details the outcome of audit and fraud work undertaken in 2007/08 and provides an opinion on the overall adequacy and effectiveness of the Council's internal control arrangements.

7. 2007/08 Annual Governance Statement (Pages 55 - 72)

This report invites Members to consider and comment upon the draft 2007/08 Annual Governance Statement (AGS), which is to be published with the Statement of Accounts.

8. Urgent Business: The New Council HQ – response to questions posed by the Audit and Governance Committee (Pages 73 - 78)

Any other business which the Chair considers urgent under the Local Government Act 1972.

The Chair has agreed to consider under this item a report which responds to a number of questions raised by the Committee in relation to the contract management arrangements for a major Council project to create a new headquarters building at Hungate. The matter is urgent because Members need to be satisfied with these arrangements as soon as possible, and before the project proceeds to the planning application stage.

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For more information about any of the following please contact the Democracy Officer responsible for servicing this meeting:

- Registering to speak
- Business of the meeting
- Any special arrangements
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Contact details are set out above.