

Notice of meeting of

Audit & Governance Committee

To:	Councillors B Watson (Chair), Brooks (Vice-Chair), Firth, Hyman, Scott, Vassie and Gunnell
Date:	Wednesday, 29 September 2010
Time:	5.00 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.

This meeting will also be preceded by a training session for Members on Treasury Management at 4.30 pm.

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. Exclusion of Press and Public

To consider the exclusion of the press and public from the meeting during consideration of the following:

Annex C to Agenda Item 10 (Key Corporate Risk Monitor Quarter Two 2010/11) on the grounds that it contains information relating to negotiations in connection with a labour relations matter arising between the authority and employees of the authority. This information is classed as exempt under paragraph 4 of Schedule

12A to Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as revised by The Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006).

3. Minutes (Pages 3 - 10)

To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting of the Audit & Governance Committee held on 28 July 2010.

4. 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 Committee's remit can do so. The deadline for registering is **5:00 pm on Tuesday 28th September 2010**.

5. Audit & Governance Committee Forward Plan to June 2011.
(Pages 11 - 16)

This paper presents the future plan of reports expected to be presented to the Committee to June 2011.

6. Annual Governance Report. (Pages 17 - 52)

The International Standard on Auditing (United Kingdom and Ireland) – ISA (UK&I) - 260 requires the Audit Commission to report to those 'charged with governance', issues arising from the audit of Financial Statements. The purpose of this report is to bring to Members attention the Audit Commission's Annual Governance Report, agree the Council's response and seek approval to changes to the 2009/10 Financial Statements. A copy of the Audit Commission report is attached at Annex A. Attached at Annex B is a schedule of changes to the Pre-Audit Statement of Accounts 2009/10.

7. Audit Commission Value For Money Plan 2010/11 and CAA Update. (Pages 53 - 58)

This report presents the Value For Money Plan 2010/11 and associated fee structure of the Council's external auditor, the Audit Commission.

8. Annual Report of the Audit and Governance Committee.
(Pages 59 - 72)

This report seeks Member's views on the draft annual report of the Audit and Governance Committee for the year ended 30 September 2010, prior to its submission to Full Council. The report also presents a draft assurance statement which the Committee has been requested to provide to the Council's external Auditors, the Audit Commission.

9. Changing Executive Arrangements. (Pages 73 - 88)

This report advises the Audit & Governance Committee of the results of the public consultation on changes to the Council's executive arrangements. The report seeks a recommendation from the Audit & Governance Committee to Council in respect of the new arrangements which the Council must adopt.

10. Key Corporate Risk Monitor Two 2010/11. (Pages 89 - 114)

The purpose of this report is to present to Audit & Governance Committee the current position of the risks associated with the Key Corporate Risks as at the end of August 2010.

11. Scrutiny of Treasury Management Monitor 1 and Prudential Indicators 2010/11. (Pages 115 - 134)

The purpose of this report is for Members of the Audit & Governance to scrutinise "Treasury Management Monitor 1 and Prudential Indicators 2010/11" in line with the requirements of the revised Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) Treasury Management in the Public Services: Code of Practice and Cross-Sectoral Guidance ("the Code").

12. International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) Update.
(Pages 135 - 138)

The purpose of this report is to continue the update to Members of the progress being made on implementing the statutory required changes in financial reporting from UK General Accepted Accounting Practice (GAAP) to International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS)

13. Follow Up of Internal Audit Agreed Actions. (Pages 139 - 142)

This report sets out the progress made by departments in implementing those actions agreed with internal audit which were due to have been implemented by 1st August 2010. It also includes a summary of follow up of external audit recommendations.

14. Audit, Counter Fraud and Information Governance Mid-Term Monitor. (Pages 143 - 160)

This report provides an update on progress made in delivering the internal audit workplan for 2010/11 and on current counter fraud and information governance activity.

15. 2010/11 National Fraud Initiative. (Pages 161 - 164)

The purpose of this report is to inform Members of the preparations which are being made to enable the Council to participate in the 2010/11 National Fraud Initiative (NFI) exercise.

16. Urgent Business

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

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