



Minutes of the Special Meeting of the AUDIT COMMITTEE

Held: TUESDAY, 12 FEBRUARY 2008 at 4:00pm

<u>PRESENT:</u>

Councillor Johnson (Chair) Councillor Westley (Vice Chair)

Councillor Aqbany

Councillor Chowdhury

Councillor Cooke

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38. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were requested to declare any interests they may have in the business on the agenda, and/or indicate that Section 106 of the Local Government Finance Act 1992 applied to them.

No declarations were made.

42. OUTCOMES FROM AUDIT WORK - UPDATE REPORT - SECOND FOUR MONTHS 2007/8

The Chief Finance Officer submitted a report summarising all audit and inspection work relating to the Council's activities published during the second four months of financial year 2007-8.

The meeting discussed the Financial Management Standard in Schools external assessment reports in relation to Fullhurst Community College and Sir Jonathan North Community College. The Committee was notified of the assessment process and the schedule of assessment phases that started with secondary schools. Primary and special schools would follow. Members were reassured that assessment feedback was sent to the Chair of School Governors, in addition to the Head Teacher and the Local Education Authority. Discussion was held concerning the roles of School Governors and the expectations placed on them and Members were notified that School Governors received training on Financial Management Standard in Schools.

The Committee was informed that in relation to the review of mobile computing,

encryption software was installed on all new mobile computing devices, but existing devices without software were still in service. These predated the new unified IT service. Members expressed concern about the large backlog of laptops without the encryption software installed, and emphasised the need for it to be cleared.

RESOLVED:

- (1) that the outcomes detailed in the report be noted.
- (2) that the Cabinet be asked to request the Head of ICT to remove from service all mobile computing devices found to be without encryption software from 31/12/2008.

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