

Minutes of the Meeting of the AUDIT COMMITTEE

Held: WEDNESDAY, 2 APRIL 2008 at 5:30pm

## <u>PRESENT:</u>

Councillor Johnson (Chair)

**Councillor Aqbany** 

councillor Chowdhury Councillor R Blackmore

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## 47. 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.

## 50. CORPORATE CONTRACT MANAGEMENT AND PROCUREMENT IMPROVEMENT PLAN

The Corporate Director of Resources submitted a report that enabled the Committee to monitor implementation of the Improvement Plan and to consider options for setting a financial threshold for reserving decisions to Cabinet.

Members expressed concern regarding Training and Accreditation, and were informed that the introduction of mandatory Training and Accreditation is on schedule.

Members were informed that it is being recommended to Cabinet that it revise its Scheme of Delegation to provide that all contracts over EU thresholds be reserved to Cabinet for approval.

Members were also notified that the new thresholds were in proportion to the size of the authority, and that all thresholds were ruled by E.U. guidelines.

The Committee discussed the purchasing limits that cost centre managers had, and requested further information on the list of cost centre managers that had authorisation to sign orders.

**RESOLVED**:

that the report be noted.