



Leicester
City Council

MINUTE EXTRACT

Minutes of the Meeting of the AUDIT COMMITTEE

Held: THURSDAY, 18 DECEMBER 2008 at 5.30pm

P R E S E N T :

Councillor Johnson (Chair)
Councillor Manish Sood (Vice Chair)

Councillor R Blackmore
Councillor Clair

Councillor Chowdhury
Councillor Patel

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41. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

No declarations were made

44. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2007-8 FOLLOW UP REPORT

A report by the Chief Finance Officer was considered which updated the Committee on the Annual Governance Statement for 2007-08 that whilst being agreed in June 2008 had identified a number of significant governance issues.

The report detailed the areas where significant governance issues had been highlighted in the Statement together with comment on the issue, the action planned and where matters had changed since June 2008. The report suggested that by seeking regular updates from Cabinet this Committee could maintain a watching brief over the issues identified in the Statement.

Members referred to concerns regarding ICT inventories, and the costs of the Delivering Excellence programme. Concern was also raised regarding the progress of the Communications Strategy with it suggested that the Strategy had been much delayed and therefore presented a particular issue of concern for the Committee. It was noted that executive Members were no longer nominated to sit on Regulatory Committees and requested that Members be

reminded of the relevant extracts of the recent CPA report.

RESOLVED:

- 1) That Cabinet be requested to provide biannual updates of progress made to address the issues identified in the Annual Governance Statement; and
- 2) That such reports from Cabinet be considered by this Committee to consider the adequacy or otherwise of progress made.