

MEETING OF THE AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE

DATE: **THURSDAY, 24 OCTOBER 2013** TIME: 5:30 pm THE OAK ROOM, GROUND FLOOR, TOWN HALL, TOWN PLACE: HALL SQUARE, LEICESTER.

Members of the Committee

Councillor Westley (Chair)

Councillors Alfonso, Dr. Chowdhury, Desai, Grant, Meghani, Dr. Moore, and Naylor

1 Non-Grouped Member Vacancy

Members of the Committee are summoned to attend the above meeting to consider the items of business listed overleaf.

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PUBLIC SESSION

<u>AGENDA</u>

1. TRAINING SESSION PRIOR TO MAIN MEETING - LCC RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGY AND RISK REGISTER REPORTING PROCESS (PLUS INSURANCE POLICIES AND CLAIMS HANDLING)

Training will be delivered by the Head of Internal Audit & Risk Management at <u>5.00pm</u>, prior to the main meeting which will commence at <u>5.30pm</u>.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are asked 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 applies to them.

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee held on 24th September 2013 have been circulated, and Members are asked to confirm them as a correct record.

5. PROJECT ASSURANCE PROCESS

Appendix A

The Director of Delivery, Communications and Political Governance submits a report to bring to the attention of the Audit and Risk Committee, the Council's newly revised Project Assurance process. The Committee is asked to note the report, and its relevance in the context of their role in corporate governance and assurance.

6. REGULATION OF INVESTIGATORY POWERS ACT Appendix B 2000 - ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT

The Director of Information and Customer Access submits a report on the performance of the Council in authorising Regulatory Investigation Powers Act (RIPA) applications, from 1st January 2012 to 31st December 2012.

The Committee is recommended to receive the report and note its contents, agreed to receive the data half-yearly, aligned with other regulatory papers every July/November in the future, and make any recommendations or comments it sees fit to either the Executive or Director of Information and Customer Access.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT AND INSURANCE SERVICES Appendix C UPDATE REPORT

The Director of Finance submits a report that provides Committee with the regular update on the work of the Council's Risk Management and Insurance Services team's activities.

The Committee is recommended to receive the report and note its contents, and make any recommendations or comments it sees fit either to the Executive or Director of Finance.

8. TENDER FOR COUNCIL'S INSURANCE Appendix D ARRANGEMENTS Appendix D

The Director of Finance submits a report to advise the Board of the outcome of this year's insurance tender exercise.

The Committee is recommended to note how the Insurance Contract has been awarded and to whom, and the cost savings arising from the above, whilst the Council's cover and excesses remain the same.

9. INTERNAL AUDIT - 3RD QUARTER OPERATIONAL Appendix E PLAN 2013-14

The Director of Finance presents to Committee the detailed operations audit plans for the third quarter for the financial year 2013-14.

The Committee is asked to note the Internal Audit operational plans for the third quarter of 2013-14.

10. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS