

## MEETING OF THE AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE

DATE: WEDNESDAY, 25 JUNE 2014

TIME: 5:30 pm

PLACE: THE OAK ROOM, GROUND FLOOR, TOWN HALL, TOWN

HALL SQUARE, LEICESTER.

# **Members of the Committee**

Councillor Westley (Chair)

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

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**

## **AGENDA**

#### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

#### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are asked to declare any interests they may have in the business to be discussed.

#### 3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the previous meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee held on 15<sup>th</sup> April 2014 have been circulated, and Members will be asked to confirm them as a correct record.

# 4. PROCEDURAL GUIDANCE AND RECENT CHANGES Appendix A IN ARRANGEMENTS FOR CASH HANDLING AT THE COUNCIL

The Director of Finance presents to the Committee the current procedure rules on cash handling and security and the supplementary guidance issued by Internal Audit. The Committee are asked to note the report and to make such comments and recommendations as they see fit to the Director of Finance.

# 5. POLICY FOR ENGAGEMENT OF EXTERNAL AUDITORS FOR NON-AUDIT WORK

Appendix B

The Director of Finance submits a report to seek the Audit and Risk Committee's approval of the 'Policy for Engagement of External Auditors for Non-Audit Work'.

# 6. RISK MANAGEMENT AND INSURANCE SERVICES Appendix C UPDATE REPORT

The Director of Finance submits a report which provides the 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 the Director of Finance.

# 7. PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FOR THE Appendix D FINANCIAL YEAR 2014-15

The Director of Finance presents to the Committee the schedule of meetings and their agendas for the Financial Year 2014-15 agreed at the meeting of 19<sup>th</sup> March 2014. The Committee is recommended to note the plan and content,

and raise any issues or questions with the report author of the Director of Finance.

# 8. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS