



Leicester
City Council

MEETING OF THE AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE

DATE: WEDNESDAY, 12 SEPTEMBER 2018

TIME: 5:30 pm

PLACE: Meeting Room G.01, Ground Floor, City Hall, 115 Charles Street, Leicester, LE1 1FZ

Members of the Committee

Councillor Riyait (Chair)

Councillor Westley (Vice-Chair)

Councillors Alfonso, Bajaj, Dr. Chowdhury and Dr. Moore

One Labour Group unallocated place

Two unallocated Non-Group places

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

for Monitoring Officer

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PUBLIC SESSION

AGENDA

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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

Appendix A

The Minutes of the previous meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee held on 25th July 2018 have been circulated, and Members will be asked to confirm them as a correct record.

4. DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT OF THE AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE TO COUNCIL 2017-18

Appendix B

The Director of Finance submits the Draft Annual Report of the Audit & Risk Committee to Council setting out the Committee's achievements over the municipal year 2017-18.

Members will be asked to approve the report for submission to full Council on 4th October 2018.

5. HOUSING BENEFITS SUBSIDY ARRANGEMENTS UPDATE

Appendix C

The Director of Finance submits a report updating on the Housing Benefit Subsidy arrangements for the authority.

Members will be asked to note the contents and comment on the findings highlighted in the report.

6. ANNUAL REPORT ON THE NATIONAL FRAUD INITIATIVE (NFI)

Appendix D

The Director of Finance submits a report to provide information on counter-fraud activities during 2017-18 to the Committee, and is confined to the City Council's Corporate Investigations Team within Financial Services.

Members will be asked to note and comment on the contents.

7. REVIEW OF THE ANTI-FRAUD, BRIBERY AND CORRUPTION POLICY AND STRATEGY **Appendix E**

The Director of Finance submits a report on the annual review of the Anti-Fraud, Bribery and Corruption Policy as required under the Terms of Reference of the Audit & Risk Committee.

Members will be asked to note the report and approve the minor amendment to the Anti-Fraud, Bribery and Corruption Policy.

8. CORPORATE COMPLAINTS (NON STATUTORY) 2017-18 **Appendix F**

The Director of Finance submits an update report on Corporate Non Statutory Complaints 2017-18.

Members will be asked to note the improvements and comment upon the contents of the report.

9. PRIVATE SESSION

Members of the Public to Note

Under the law the committee is entitled to consider certain items in private where in the circumstances the public interest in maintaining the matter exempt from publication outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information. Members of the public will be asked to leave the meeting when such items are discussed.

The Committee is recommended to consider the following reports in private on the grounds it will contain "exempt" information as defined by the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, as amended, and consequently makes the following resolution:

"that the press and public be excluded during consideration of the following report in accordance with the provisions of Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, because it involves the likely disclosure of "exempt" information, as defined in the Paragraph detailed below of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, and taking all the circumstances into account, it is considered that the public interest in maintaining the information as exempt outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information."

Paragraph 3

Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

This report concerns the strength of internal controls of the City Council's financial and management processes and includes references to material weaknesses and areas thereby vulnerable to fraud or other irregularity. It is considered that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

INTERNAL AUDIT UPDATE REPORT

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Appendix G

The Head of Internal Audit & Assurance submits the Internal Audit Update report.

Members will be asked to receive the report and note the key issues identified.

11. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS