

Minutes of the Meeting of the AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE

Held: WEDNESDAY, 8 MAY 2013 at 5.00pm

<u>PRESENT:</u>

Councillor Westley - Chair

Councillor Dr Chowdhury Councillor Dr Moore Councillor Grant Councillor V. Patel

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81. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence.

82. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made.

83. POLICY FOR ENGAGEMENT OF EXTERNAL AUDITORS FOR NON-AUDIT WORK

The Director of Finance submitted a report on the policy for engagement of the Council's external auditors for non-audit work. The policy was developed to safeguard the Council and would enable the engagement of KPMG for other non-audit work, whilst maintaining audit independence and objectivity.

The report asked that the Audit and Risk Committee formally agree on an annual basis that it was satisfied with the structure, content and operation of the policy.

RESOLVED:

that the report be received and approved.

84. REVIEW OF THE AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE'S TERMS OF REFERENCE AND UPDATE ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The Director of Finance and the City Barrister & Head of Standards submitted a report which sought the Committee's approval of a codified structure for the corporate governance and assurance processes at the City Council. The Head

of Internal Audit and Risk Management presented the report.

Members were asked to approve an addition to the terms of reference of the Audit and Risk Committee, under 1.2 External Audit 'To approve any instances of non-audit work by the external auditors in accordance with the 'Policy for Engagement of External Auditors for Non-Audit Work' and report any such instances to the Council'.

RESOLVED:

- 1. that the Committee approve the amendment to the Audit & Risk Committee Terms of Reference.
- 2. that the Committee approve the updates concerning the Council's Assurance Framework and Local Code of Corporate Governance.

85. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting closed at 5.16pm.