

FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

AGENDA

AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Date: Monday, 11 March 2013

Time: 6:00 pm

Venue: Collingwood Room - Civic Offices

Members:

Councillor T G Knight (Chairman)

Councillor L Keeble (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors P J Davies
N R Gregory
Miss T G Harper
Mrs K Mandry
D J Norris

Deputies: J M Englefield
K D Evans
P W Whittle, JP



1. Apologies

2. Minutes (Pages 1 - 4)

To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the Audit Committee meeting hold on 26 November 2012.

3. Chairman's Announcements

4. Declarations of Interest and Disclosures of Advice or Directions

To receive any declarations of interest from members in accordance with Standing Orders and the Council's Code of Conduct.

5. Deputations

To receive any deputations of which notice has been lodged.

6. External Audit Annual Fee Letters 2012/13 and 2013/14 (Pages 5 - 12)

To consider a report by the Director of Finance and Resources on the External Audit Annual Fee letters for 2012/13 and 2013/14

7. External Audit Report of those charged with governance - Annual Certification Report 2011/12 (Pages 13 - 28)

To consider a report by the Director of Finance and Resources on the External Audit report of those charged with governance – Annual Certification Report 2011/12

8. Quarterly Internal Audit Report (Pages 29 - 66)

To consider a report by the Director of Finance and Resources on the Quarterly Internal Audit report

9. Contractor Internal Audit Plan 2013/14 (Pages 67 - 94)

To consider a report by the Director of Finance and Resources on the Contactor Internal Audit Plan 2013/14

10. Corporate Risk Register 2013 (Pages 95 - 110)

To consider a report by the Director of Regulatory and Democratic Services on the Corporate Risk Register 2013

11. Latest Financial Regulations Updates (Pages 111 - 146)

To consider a report by the Director of Finance and Resources on the latest Financial Regulations Updates

12. Member Training and Development Programme 2013/14 (Pages 147 - 156)

To consider a report by the Director of Regulatory and Democratic Services on Member Training and Development programme for 2013/14

13. Review of Committee Work Programme and Annual Report (Pages 157 - 168)

To consider a report by the Director of Finance and Resources, on a review of the Committee Work Programme and Annual Report

14. Motion referred by Council

At its meeting on Friday 22 February, the Council referred the following motion to the Audit & Governance Committee for its consideration as it comes under the terms of the Committee:

“I would like to request that this Council sends a letter to Eric Pickles, Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government.

The letter should request a review of the regulations on the elected members' Code of Conduct to allow sanctions to be implemented by Employed Officers of the Authority and or independent member/s of the public of this Authority without Political intervention.

This move would promote openness, accountability and integrity to the people who elected us to our public office, and ensuring that all elected members Code of Conduct's are fit for purpose.

Whilst the current Code of Conduct and the implementations of sanctions do meet current Government regulations; however the changes adopted last April bring to question the accountability of these due to the sanctioning of breaches. This also brings into question the accountability of members to their residents.”

P GRIMWOOD
Chief Executive Officer

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