

AUDIT COMMITTEE – IMPROVEMENT BOARD

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 20 FEBRUARY 2008

Present: Councillors Mrs J I Hully (Chairman) J G Sunderland (Deputy Chairman); A Holliday; S Meteer; R Pitt; Mrs C Watson

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors B Dixon & Ms E Woodburn

Officers: L Murphy, Chief Executive; T Chilcott, Corporate Director Quality of Life; G Ayling, Interim Head of Finance and Business Development; M Robinson, Audit and Fraud Prevention Manager; H Mitchell, Head of Policy and Performance; D A James Member Services Officer

D A Wilson, District Audit

AU 29 Minutes

RESOLVED - That the minutes of the meeting held on 30 January 2008, be signed as a correct record subject to Councillor Meteers attendance being noted.

AU 30 Arising from the Minutes

Councillor Sunderland asked that it be noted that Members had expressed grave concern over the number of outstanding audit recommendations and said that not only would the Chief Executive be called to a future meeting that they would in fact call a special meeting if necessary.

AU 31 Direction of Travel report from the Audit Commission

(Note: T Chilcott, M Robinson and Councillor A Holliday left the meeting during consideration of this item.)

Consideration was given to the report of the Audit Commission on the Direction of Travel summary improvement process.

During discussion it was

RESOLVED – That a) any debate would not be discussed outside the meeting until clarification is sought from the Head of Legal and Democratic Services;

b) taking on board comments and concerns made by Members the Direction of Travel report be noted; and

c) the Audit Commission be asked to consider the comments made by Members and resubmit the report to the next meeting.

AU 32 Time Limit on Meetings

Due to the time approaching the three hour limit it was moved by Councillor A Norwood duly seconded and

RESOLVED – That the meeting continue to 5.15pm with the remaining business standing deferred to the next meeting of the committee.

The meeting closed at 5.15 pm

Chairman