

AUDIT COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 23 APRIL 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 & A Norwood; Ms E Woodburn

Officers: L Murphy, Chief Executive; H Mitchell, Head of Policy and Performance; M Robinson, Audit and Fraud Prevention Manager; P Robson, Interim Accountancy Services Manager; D A James Member Services Officer

D A Wilson, District Audit

AU 33 Minutes

RESOLVED - That the minutes of the joint meeting with the Improvement Board held on 20 February 2008 January 2008, be signed as a correct record subject to Councillor Norwood being included in the attendances.

AU 34 Annual Audit and Inspection Letter March 2008

(Note: L Murphy left the meeting during consideration of this item.)

Consideration was given to the Annual Audit and Inspection Letter from the Audit Commission summarising the conclusions and significant issues arising from the 2007/08 audit and inspections of the Council.

RESOLVED – That the Annual Audit and Inspection letter be noted.

AU 35 National Performance Framework

A report was submitted and noted detailing the National Performance Framework including the 198 National Indicators.

AU 36 Audit Commission Summary of Use of Resources Scores 2007

Consideration was given to a report of the Audit Commission evaluating how well the Councils manage and use their financial resources to support their strategic Priorities and deliver value for money.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

AU 37 Fraud Section Performance Monitoring Report Last Quarter 2007/08

The report summarising the activities and performance against targets of the Fraud Team for the final quarter of the year was submitted and noted.

Members congratulated the team for all their hard work.

AU 38 Audit Services Monitoring Report Last Quarter 2007/08

(Note H Mitchell left the meeting during consideration of this item)

The report summarising the activities and performance against targets of Audit Services for the final quarter of the year was submitted and noted.

During consideration of this item Members stressed the importance of maintaining the emphasis on progressing the remaining outstanding audit recommendations.

AU 39 Direction of Travel report from the Audit Commission

Consideration was given to the revised Direction of Travel Statement.

RESOLVED - that a) the Audit Committee notes the External Auditor's revised comments in the annual Direction of Travel Statement 2007/8; and

b) an action plan to be created from the Direction of Travel Statement 2007/8 for quarterly monitoring of the Committee.

AU 40 Time Limit on Meetings

Due to the time approaching the three hour limit it was moved duly seconded and

RESOLVED – That in accordance with Standing Order 13 (a) the meeting continue in the normal manner and complete the business remaining on the Agenda.

The meeting closed at 5.15 pm

Chairman