

AUDIT COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 4 AUGUST 2011

Present: Mr Michael Bonner (Independent Chair)

Councillors Peter Connolly; Joan Hully; David Riley; Gilbert Scurrah;
Graham Sunderland; Carole Woodman

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Doug Wilson.

Officers: Joanne Wagstaffe, Corporate Director Resources and Transformation; Simon Smith, Head of Internal Audit Shared Service; Peter Usher, Audit Services Manager; Tim Capper, Democratic Services Manager; K Dowle, Fraud Prevention Team Leader (Agenda Item 7)

Also in attendance: Richard McGahon, Audit Commission

AU 13 Appointment of Deputy Chairman

It was moved by Councillor J Hully, duly seconded and

RESOLVED – That Councillor Graham Sunderland be appointed Deputy Chairman.

AU 14 Minutes

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meetings held on 1 June 2011 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

AU 15 Declarations of Interest

The Chair and Councillors Peter Connolly, Joan Hully and Gilbert Scurrah declared Personal Interests in the Concessionary Travel section of agenda item 7 due to their eligibility for concessions.

AU 16 Fraud Section Monitoring Report - Quarter 1 2011/12

Consideration was given to a report setting out progress on work of the Fraud Section in the first quarter of 2011/12

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

AU 17 Audit Services Monitoring Report – Quarter 1 2011/12

The Committee received the Audit Monitoring Report for the first quarter of 2011/12 summarising final reports issued during the quarter, key

recommendations made in the quarter and outstanding key recommendations. It was noted that 3 outstanding recommendations had been completed since publication of the report, and that there were other outstanding key recommendations which needed further updating and reporting back to a future meeting.

In respect of performance indicators, Members noted the action being taken to ensure that the Copeland Audit Plan is delivered on target.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

AU 18 Review of Financial Systems

The Committee considered a report setting out a summary of the Audit Commission's review of the Council's financial systems, with recommendations and an Action Plan to address identified areas of weakness.

RESOLVED – that the report and Action Plan are noted and agreed.

The meeting closed at 7.12 pm

Chairman

Date