

Meeting **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Date and Time **THURSDAY 5 DECEMBER 2013 AT 2.15PM**

Place **WELLINGTON ROOM, ELIZABETH II COURT SOUTH, THE CASTLE, WINCHESTER**

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AGENDA

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

All Members who believe they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in any matter to be considered at the meeting must declare that interest and, having regard to the circumstances described in Part 3 Paragraph 1.5 of the County Council's Members' Code of Conduct, leave the meeting while the matter is discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with Paragraph 1.6 of the Code. Furthermore all Members with a Non-Pecuniary interest in a matter being considered at the meeting should consider whether such interest should be declared, and having regard to Part 5, Paragraph 2 of the Code, consider whether it is appropriate to leave the meeting while the matter is discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with the Code.

3 MINUTES

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 26 September 2013.

4 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

To receive any announcements the Chairman may wish to make.

5 ANTI FRAUD AND CORRUPTION POLICY STATEMENT AND STRATEGY

To consider a report of the Director of Corporate Resources – Corporate Services seeking approval to the County Council's Anti Fraud and Corruption Policy Statement and Strategy.

6 BRIBERY ACT POLICY

To consider a report of the Director of Corporate Resources – Corporate Services seeking approval to the County Council’s policy on the Bribery Act.

7 EFFECTIVENESS OF THE ROLE OF INTERNAL AUDIT

To consider a report of the Director of Corporate Resources – Corporate Services giving an overview of the measurers currently in place to monitor and maintain internal audit effectiveness.

8 TREASURY MANAGEMENT – MID-YEAR REPORT

To receive a report of the Director of Corporate Resources – Corporate Services outlining the treasury management activities during the year to date.

9 ANNUAL AUDIT LETTER

To receive the annual audit letter from the County Council’s auditors, Ernst and Young.

10 MINUTES OF PENSION FUND PANEL MEETING ON 12 JULY 2013 (LESS EXEMPT APPENDIX)

To receive the minutes of the Pension Fund Panel meeting held on 12 July 2013.

11 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

To resolve that the public be excluded from the meeting during the following item of business, as it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the public were present during these items there would be disclosure to them of exempt information within Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, and further that in all the circumstances of the cases, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information, for the reasons set out in the exempt minute.

12 MINUTES OF PENSION FUND PANEL MEETING ON 12 JULY 2013 (EXEMPT APPENDIX) (Item 10 above refers)

To receive the exempt minute of the Pension Fund Panel meeting held on 12 July 2013.

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