

**BARNSELY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**AUDIT COMMITTEE**

**WEDNESDAY 25<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2015**

**4.00 PM**

**COUNCIL CHAMBER, TOWN HALL, BARNSELY**

**AGENDA**

**Procedural/Administrative items**

**1. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interest**

**2. Minutes**

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>ST</sup> January, 2015  
(Copy 'A' attached).

**3. Recruitment of Independent Members – Update**

The Committee will receive an update on the outcome of the Interviews for Independent Member positions.

**Items for Discussion/Decision**

**4. Internal Audit Charter and Strategy 2015/16**

The Head of Internal Audit will submit a report prefacing the annually reviewed and revised internal Audit Charter and Strategy (Copy 'B' attached)

**5. Corporate Anti-Fraud Team Strategy**

The Head of Internal Audit will submit a report outlining the Corporate Anti-Fraud Team's Strategy in delivering a corporate fraud function (Copy 'C' attached)

**6. Annual Governance Review Process 2014/15**

The Service Director Finance will submit a report providing an update on the revised Annual Governance Review process that has been determined for 2014/15 which will influence and assist in the preparation of the

Council's statutory Annual Governance Statement for 2014/15 (Copy 'D' attached)

**7. Treasury Policy and Strategy Statements 2014/15**

The Director of Finance, Property and Information Services will submit a report presenting the 2015/16 Treasury Policy Statement and Treasury Statement including the Annual Investment Strategy (Copy 'E' attached)

**8. External Audit Reports**

**(a) Progress Report and Technical Update**

The Committee will receive the External Audit Progress Report and Technical Update (Copy 'F' attached)

**(b) External Audit Plan 2014/15**

The Committee will receive a report supplementing the Annual Audit Letter, describing how the External Auditors will deliver the financial statements and audit work for the Council and setting out the approach to Value for Money work for 2014/15 (Copy 'G' attached)

**(c) Protecting the Public Purse Fraud Briefing 2014**

The Committee will receive a briefing from the External Auditor on the Council's current position with regard to fraud detection and performance activities, providing information on local and national fraud risks to enable the Authority to consider the proportionate response required and provide a catalyst for reviewing the current strategy, resources and capability for tackling fraud (Copy 'H' attached)

**Items for information**

**9. Local Government Act 2003, Section 25 Report on the 2015/16 Budget Proposals**

The Director of Finance, Property and Information Services will submit her Section 25 report providing advice on the robustness of the estimates included within the 2015/16 budget, on the adequacy of the reserves that the budget will provide and giving information on the affordability and prudence of capital investment given the impact on the revenue budget (Copy 'I' attached)

**10. Corporate Finance and Performance Management Position for the Month Ended 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2014 and Capital Programme 2014/15 – 2016/17 Update**

The Director of Finance, Property and Information services will submit a report summarising the position of the Corporate Finance position and the Authority's Capital Programme for the three year period 2014/15-2016/17 as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2014 (Copy 'J' attached)

**Note:** the background documents for this report have been made available for Members of the Audit Committee and are available upon request.

**11. Audit Committee Work Plan 2014/15**

The Committee will receive the indicative Audit Committee Work Plan for 2014/15. (Copy 'K' attached).

**12. Exclusion of the Public and Press**

To consider if the public and press should be excluded from this meeting during consideration of the following item because of the likely disclosure of exempt information.

**\*13. Internal Audit Plan 2015/16**

The Head of Internal Audit will submit a report presenting the indicative Internal Audit Plan for the financial (audit) year 2015/16, describing the rationale and process for setting the plan, the risk assessment process used and how Internal Audit resources are calculated and deployed (Copy 'L' attached)

\* It is likely that the public and press will be excluded from this meeting during consideration of the item so marked because of the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined by paragraph 7 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended, subject to the public interest test, as follows:-

Note:

- (i) Public Interest Test – A report may only be exempt from publication if, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining confidentiality outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information;
- (ii) The category of exempt information referred to above is described as follows:

Paragraph 7 – Information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of a crime.

**To: Chairman and Members of the Audit Committee:-**

Councillors T Sheard (Chairman), Barnard, P Birkinshaw and D Green; together with Co-opted Members Ms D Brown, Mr Marks and Mr S Gill together with two vacancies\*

\* Ms K Armitage and Mr P Johnson (who are to be nominated to fill these vacant positions) have been invited to the meeting in an observer capacity.

Chief Executive  
Executive Director Development, Environment and Culture  
Director of Legal and Governance  
Director of Finance, Property and Information Services  
R Winter - Head of Internal Audit  
N Copley – Service Director Finance  
M Potter - HR  
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