

MINUTES OF AUDIT COMMITTEE HELD ON

8 July 2009

7.30pm-8.30pm

PRESENT

COUNCILLORS

David Carter (Chairman)

Simon Carter
Tony Hall

Manny Doku
Muriel Jolles

Tony Durcan
Lorna Spenceley

APOLOGIES

Joshua Jolles

Mark Wilkinson

17. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

18. MINUTES

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 23 June 2009 be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

19. MATTERS ARISING

(a) External Auditor Plan and Fees (Minute 12 Refers)

Members noted that the Audit Commission had issued a consultation document on the 2010/11 fees and charges, to which the Council would respond.

In the meantime, the Audit Commission would be asked for further information on the current fees and charges, for submission to the next meeting of this Committee.

RESOLVED that the Audit Commission be requested to provide further information regarding its current fees and charges, for consideration at the next meeting of this Committee.

(b) Annual Governance Statement
(Minute 14 Refers)

There was a question mark over the terms of reference of this Committee, since Annual Council had appointed a membership to an Audit Committee to supersede the Audit & Improvement Committee.

Confusion had arisen about whether the Audit Committee could use the same terms of reference as the Audit & Improvement Committee, as it was not clear whether the 'improvement' aspect was still the remit of the Audit Committee.

RESOLVED that the Constitution Working Group be requested to clarify the situation.

(Please see Minute 24 of the reconvened meeting of this Committee on 23 July 2009, which negates the need for the above action)

20. **WRITTEN QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS**

None.

21. **NON-CONTENTIOUS BUSINESS**

RESOLVED that the no items be taken as non-contentious.

22. **COMMITTEE FORWARD WORK PLAN**

In light of the query on the Committee's terms of reference above, the validity of the contents of the work plan were questioned.

In view of the constitutional issues arising from this query, Members voted on whether to adjourn this meeting.

RESOLVED that the meeting be adjourned and reconvened once the constitutional issues had been clarified.

CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE