



GOVERNANCE, AUDIT AND RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

**THURSDAY 22 JANUARY 2009
7.30 PM**

COMMITTEE AGENDA

**COMMITTEE ROOM 5,
HARROW CIVIC CENTRE**

MEMBERSHIP (Quorum 3)

Chairman: Councillor John Cowan

Councillors:

**Richard Romain
Anthony Seymour
Dinesh Solanki
Jeremy Zeid**

**Archie Foulds (VC)
Thaya Idaikkadar
Bill Stephenson**

Reserve Members:

**1. Eric Silver
2. –
3. Manji Kara
4. Tom Weiss
5. Stanley Sheinwald**

**1. Keith Ferry
2. Nizam Ismail
3. Mano Dharmarajah**

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***NOTE FOR THOSE ATTENDING THE MEETING:
IF YOU WISH TO DISPOSE OF THIS AGENDA, PLEASE LEAVE IT BEHIND AFTER THE MEETING.
IT WILL BE COLLECTED FOR RECYCLING.***

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AGENDA - PART I

1. **Attendance by Reserve Members:**

To note the attendance at this meeting of any duly appointed Reserve Members.

Reserve Members may attend meetings:-

- (i) to take the place of an ordinary Member for whom they are a reserve;
- (ii) where the ordinary Member will be absent for the whole of the meeting; and
- (iii) the meeting notes at the start of the meeting at the item 'Reserves' that the Reserve Member is or will be attending as a reserve;
- (iv) if a Reserve Member whose intention to attend has been noted arrives after the commencement of the meeting, then that Reserve Member can only act as a Member from the start of the next item of business on the agenda after his/her arrival.

2. **Declarations of Interest:**

To receive declarations of personal or prejudicial interests, arising from business to be transacted at this meeting, from:

- (a) all Members of the Committee;
- (b) all other Members present in any part of the room or chamber.

3. **Minutes:** (Pages 1 - 4)

That the minutes of the meeting held on 24 November 2008 be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

4. **Public Questions:**

To receive questions (if any) from local residents/organisations under the provisions of Committee Procedure Rule 19 (Part 4B of the Constitution).

5. **Petitions:**

To receive petitions (if any) submitted by members of the public/Councillors under the provisions of Committee Procedure Rule 16 (Part 4B of the Constitution).

6. **Deputations:**

To receive deputations (if any) under the provisions of Committee Procedure Rule 17 (Part 4B) of the Constitution.

7. **References from Council and other Committees/Panels:**

To receive references from Council and any other Committees or Panels (if any).

8. **CAA - Are Audit Committees Up To The Challenge?:** (Pages 5 - 14)
Report of the Corporate Director of Finance attached.
9. **International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS):** (Pages 15 - 18)
Report of the Corporate Director of Finance attached.
10. **Governance Update:** (Pages 19 - 24)
Report of the Corporate Director of Finance attached.
11. **Emergency Planning - Stanley Road Explosion:** (Pages 25 - 50)
Report of the Corporate Director of Finance attached.
12. **Exclusion of the Press and Public:**
To resolve that the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business, on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of confidential information in breach of an obligation of confidence, or of exempt information as defined in Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972:

<u>Agenda Item No</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Description of Exempt Information</u>
13	Decent Homes – Asbestos Report	Information under paragraph 3, relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).
14	Kier Governance	Information under paragraph 3, relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).
15	Green and Amber Audit reports	Information under paragraph 3, relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

AGENDA - PART II

13. **INFORMATION - Decent Homes Asbestos:** (Pages 51 - 124)
Report of the Corporate Director of Finance attached.
14. **INFORMATION - Kier Governance:** (Pages 125 - 130)
Report of the Corporate Director of Finance attached.
15. **INFORMATION - Green and Amber Audit Reports:** (Pages 131 - 196)
Report of the Corporate Director of Finance attached.
16. **Any Other Urgent Business:**
Which cannot otherwise be dealt with.