

GOVERNANCE, AUDIT, RISK MANAGEMENT AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE MINUTES

1 APRIL 2015

Chair: * Councillor Antonio Weiss

Councillors: * Ghazanfar Ali * Primesh Patel
* Amir Moshenson * Kanti Rabadia (1)
* Nitin Parekh * Bharat Thakker

* Denotes Member present
(1) Denotes category of Reserve Member

43. Attendance by Reserve Members

RESOLVED: To note the attendance at this meeting of the following duly appointed Reserve Members:-

Ordinary Member

Reserve Member

Councillor Barry Macleod-Cullinane

Councillor Kanti Rabadia

44. Declarations of Interest

RESOLVED: To note that there were no declarations of interests made by Members.

45. Minutes

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 29 January 2015 be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

46. Public Questions, Petitions and Deputations

RESOLVED: To note that no public questions, petitions or deputations were received at this meeting.

47. References from Council and other Committees/Panels

There were none.

RESOLVED ITEMS

48. INFORMATION REPORT - Audit Plan 2014-15

The Committee received a report which provided information on the Accounts Audit Plan 2014-15 and the Pension Fund Annual Report Audit Plan 2014-15.

The Committee welcomed representatives from Deloitte LLP who responded to a number of queries raised.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

49. Corporate Anti-Fraud Team Draft Expected Fraud Code Implementation Outcomes 2015-16

The Committee received a report which set out the draft expected fraud code implementation outcomes for 2015/16 and the suggested approach.

The Chair encouraged members of the Committee to take the information provided to the Committee back to their respective political groups to encourage participation from Members on their thoughts and ideas to managing fraud and corruption risks.

50. Risk Based Verification

The Committee received a report which asked it to consider and comment on the Risk Based Verification Policy taking effect from April 2015.

The Committee raised a number of queries which were responded to by officers. The Chair requested that a progress report be presented back to the Committee after the first 6 months of the new system being implemented.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

51. Draft Internal Audit Plan 2015/16

The Committee received a report which set out the draft Internal Audit Plan for 2015/16. The Head of Internal Audit confirmed that this was a draft document for consultation and the final version would be presented at the Committee's next meeting for approval.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

52. Exclusion of the Press and Public

RESOLVED: That in accordance with Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item(s) for the reasons set out below:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Reason</u>
13.	Corporate Risk Register	Information under paragraph 3 (contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)).
14.	Appendix A to Risk Based Verification	Information under paragraph 3 (contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)).

53. Corporate Risk Register

The Committee considered the exempt report which set out the Council's 2014/15 Quarter 3 and 4 of the Corporate Risk Register to assist the Committee in monitoring progress on risk management in accordance with their Terms of Reference.

RESOLVED: That the exempt report be noted.

54. Risk Based Verification

RESOLVED: That the exempt appendix be noted.

55. Vote of Thanks

The Committee wished for their vote of thanks to be recorded for Simon George, Director of Finance and Assurance as it was his final attendance at this Committee.

(Note: The meeting, having commenced at 7.30 pm, closed at 9.24 pm).

(Signed) COUNCILLOR ANTONIO WEISS
Chair