



Meeting: AUDIT COMMITTEE

Date: Wednesday, 24th September 2008

Time: 7.00 pm

**Venue: Committee Room 4, 2nd Floor, Brent Town Hall,
Forty Lane, Wembley**

AGENDA

Membership:

Member	1st Alternate	2nd Alternate
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HM PATEL (VC)	Mendoza	Detre
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Introductions, if appropriate
Apologies for absence

1. **Declarations of Interest (if any)**

Members are invited to declare at this stage of the meeting, any relevant financial of other interest in the items on the agenda.

2. **Deputations (if any)**

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**Statement of Accounts 2007/08
International Standard on Auditing (ISA)260**

Under the Council's Constitution, the General Purposes Committee has responsibility for approving the accounts, which they did on 26th June 2008. They have been recommended to re-approve the accounts on 18th September 2008. This is explained further in the detail of this report. The Audit Committee, however, has responsibility for reviewing the annual statement of accounts to ensure that appropriate accounting policies have been followed and, where required, that concerns arising from the financial statements or from the audit are brought to the attention of the Council.

(A copy of the full statement of accounts has been circulated separately to members.)

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1st Internal Audit Progress Report 2008/09

This report summarises the work of Internal Audit for the period from 1 April 2008 to 31 August 2008. The attached report provides further details of this, together with the assurance ratings and priority 1 recommendations for those audits for which a final report has been issued since the start of the financial year.

p. 49 6. Report from the Director of Finance and Corporate Resources

Use of Directed Surveillance

The purpose of this report is to advise members on the use and control of surveillance activities across the council and to seek approval, in principle for continued use across a number of service areas.

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Review of the Audit Committee

The establishment of the Audit Committee was agreed by Full Council in November 2006. The first meeting was held in March 2007. It was agreed that a review of the Committee's operation and effectiveness would be undertaken after a reasonable period, given this was a new committee. This report is the first stage of that process and seeks direction on the main areas that should be considered.

8. **Any Other Business**

Notice of items to be raised under this heading must be given in writing to the Democratic Services Manager or his representative before the meeting in accordance with Standing Order No. 65.

9. **Date of Next Meeting**

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