

Audit Committee

Tuesday, 22 February 2011 at 7.30 pm Committee Room 4, Brent Town Hall, Forty Lane, Wembley, HA9 9HD

Membership:

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Agenda

Introductions, if appropriate.

Apologies for absence and clarification of alternate members

Item Page 1 Declarations of personal and prejudicial interests Members are invited to declare, at this stage of the meeting, any relevant financial or other interest in the items on this agenda. 2 **Deputations** 3 Minutes of the previous meeting 1 - 4 4 **Matters arising** 5 - 18 5 **Audit Commission progress report** The purpose of this progress report is to brief the Audit Committee on work currently being planned or undertaken by the Audit Commission. 19 - 52 6 Audit Commission, 2009/10 final accounts memo

This reports details findings from the 2009/10 financial statements audit that were not significant enough to include in our Annual Governance Report (AGR), or were not reported in detail to the Audit Committee. The reported matters would still benefit from action by the Council. This would improve the quality of next year's accounts.

7 Audit Commission, 2009/10 certification of claims and returns - 53 - 68 annual report

Funding from government grant-paying departments is an important income stream for the Council. The Council needs to manage claiming this income carefully. It needs to demonstrate to the auditors that it has met the conditions which attach to these grants. This report summarises

the findings from the certification of 2009/10 claims.

8 Audit Commission, 2010/11 Audit opinion plan

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This plan sets out the audit work that to be undertaken for the audit of financial statements and the value for money conclusion 2010/11.

9 Audit Commission, 2010/11 Pension Fund opinion plan

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2011/12 Treasury Management Strategy and Annual Investment 111 10 Strategy

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This report details the Treasury Management Strategy and Annual Investment Strategy for 2011/12.

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Internal Audit - third progress report 2010/11 11

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This report sets out a summary of the work of Internal Audit for the period 1st April 2010 to 31January 2011. The attached report provides further details of this together with the assurance ratings and priority 1 recommendations of those audits for which the final reports have been issued since November 2010.

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12 Audit needs assessment and Internal Audit plan 2011/12

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This report sets out the approach being taken to undertake a formal Audit Needs Assessment ('ANA') across the Council, the output of which will be used to formulate the Annual Internal Audit Plan ('the Plan') for the 2011/12 financial year.

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13 Any other urgent 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 64.

14 Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting of the Audit Committee will be agreed by the Annual meeting of the Full Council in May.



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