



**Epping Forest
District Council**

AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
Thursday, 28th November, 2013

You are invited to attend the next meeting of **Audit and Governance Committee**, which will be held at:

**Council Chamber, Civic Offices, High Street, Epping
on Thursday, 28th November, 2013
at 7.00 pm .**

**Glen Chipp
Chief Executive**

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Members:

Councillors: A Watts (Chairman), H Kane and L Leonard.

Independent: R Thompson (Vice-Chairman) and A Jarvis.

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1. WEBCASTING INTRODUCTION

I would like to remind everyone present that this meeting will be recorded for subsequent repeated viewing on the Internet and copies of the recording could be made available for those that request it.

By being present at this meeting it is likely that the recording cameras will capture your image and this will result in your image becoming part of the broadcast.

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Please could I also remind members to put on their microphones before speaking by pressing the button on the microphone unit.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

3. NEW CO-OPTED MEMBER - MR A. JARVIS (Pages 5 - 8)

(Chairman of the Audit & Governance Committee) To welcome Mr A. Jarvis to his first meeting of the Committee following his appointment as a co-opted member.

A report of the Appointment Panel is also enclosed.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To declare interests in any item on this agenda.

5. MINUTES

To confirm the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 23 September 2013 (previously circulated).

6. MATTERS ARISING

To consider any matters arising from the previous meeting.

7. AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE WORK PROGRAMME - 2013/14 (Pages 9 - 10)

(Director of Finance & ICT) To consider the attached Work Programme for 2013/14.

8. DIRECTORATE RESTRUCTURING REVIEW

(Chairman of Audit & Governance Committee) To report on recent discussions between the Chairman of this Committee and the Chief Executive regarding assurance as to the independence of the Council's Internal Audit function under proposed changes to the Council's Directorate structure.

9. REVIEW OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY (Pages 11 - 52)

(Assistant to the Chief Executive) To consider the attached report (AGC-018-2013/14).

10. DUE DILIGENCE (Pages 53 - 58)

(Chief Internal Auditor) To consider the attached report (AGC-019-2013/14).

11. MID-YEAR REPORT ON TREASURY MANAGEMENT AND THE PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS 2013/14 (Pages 59 - 82)

(Director of Finance & ICT) To consider the attached report (AGC-020-2013/14).

12. REPORTS FROM THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR (Pages 83 - 94)

(External Auditors) To consider the attached report (AGC-021-2013/14).

13. INTERNAL AUDIT MONITORING REPORT - JUNE TO SEPTEMBER 2013 (Pages 95 - 108)

(Chief Internal Auditor) To consider the attached report (AGC-022-2013/14).

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972, together with paragraphs (6) and (24) of the Council Procedure Rules contained in the Constitution require that the permission of the Chairman be obtained, after prior notice to the Chief Executive, before urgent business not specified in the agenda (including a supplementary agenda of which the statutory period of notice has been given) may be transacted.

In accordance with Operational Standing Order 6 (Non-Executive Bodies), any item raised by a non-member shall require the support of a member of the Committee concerned and the Chairman of that Committee. Two weeks notice of non-urgent items is required.

15. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

Exclusion:

To consider whether, under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press should be excluded from the meeting for the items of business set out below on grounds that they will involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the following paragraph(s) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act (as amended) or are confidential under Section 100(A)(2):

Agenda Item No	Subject	Exempt Information Paragraph Number
Nil	Nil	Nil

The Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006, which came into effect on 1 March 2006, requires the Council to consider whether maintaining the exemption listed above outweighs the potential public interest in disclosing the information. Any member who considers that this test should be applied to any currently exempted matter on this agenda should contact the proper officer at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

Confidential Items Commencement:

Paragraph 9 of the Council Procedure Rules contained in the Constitution require:

(1) all business of the Council requiring to be transacted in the presence of the press and public to be completed by 10.00 p.m. at the latest;

(2) at the time appointed under (1) above, the Chairman shall permit the completion of debate on any item still under consideration, and at his or her discretion, any other remaining business whereupon the Council shall proceed to exclude the public and press; and

(3) any public business remaining to be dealt with shall be deferred until after the completion of the private part of the meeting, including items submitted for report rather than decision.

Background Papers:

Paragraph 8 of the Access to Information Procedure Rules of the Constitution define background papers as being documents relating to the subject matter of the report which in the Proper Officer's opinion:

(a) disclose any facts or matters on which the report or an important part of the report is based; and

(b) have been relied on to a material extent in preparing the report and does not include published works or those which disclose exempt or confidential information (as defined in Rule 10) and in respect of executive reports, the advice of any political advisor.

Inspection of background papers may be arranged by contacting the officer responsible for the item.