



Epping Forest District Council

AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE Monday, 29th June, 2015

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 Monday, 29th June, 2015
at 7.00 pm .**

**Glen Chipp
Chief Executive**

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Members:

Councillors: L Hughes, J Knapman, and S Weston.

Independent: A Jarvis and N Nanayakkara.

PLEASE NOTE THE START TIME OF THIS MEETING

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.

You should be aware that this might infringe your human and data protection rights. If you have any concerns please speak to the webcasting officer.

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

2. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN

(Director of Governance) Under Article 11.7 of the Constitution, the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Committee shall be appointed at the first meeting of the municipal year for a term of one year.

Both Councillors and Co-Opted Members serving on the Committee are eligible for appointment to either role; however, if the Chairman is a Councillor then the Vice-Chairman must be a Co-Opted Member, and vice versa.

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman from the previous municipal year are eligible for re-appointment.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

(Director of Governance) To be announced at the meeting.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

(Director of Governance) To declare interests in any item on this agenda.

5. MINUTES

(Director of Governance) To confirm the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 30 March 2015 (previously circulated).

6. MATTERS ARISING

(Director of Governance) To consider any matters arising from the previous meeting.

7. AUDIT & GOVERNANCE WORK PROGRAMME 2015/16 (Pages 5 - 6)

(Director of Governance) To consider the Committee's Work Programme for 2015/16, as attached.

8. INTERNAL AUDIT MONITORING REPORT - JANUARY TO MARCH 2015 (Pages 7 - 30)

(Chief Internal Auditor) To consider the attached report (AGC-001-2015/16).

9. INTERNAL AUDIT ANNUAL REPORT 2014/15 AND REVIEW OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE SYSTEM OF INTERNAL AUDIT (Pages 31 - 44)

(Chief Internal Auditor) To consider the attached report (AGC-002-2015/16).

10. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE 2014/15 (Pages 45 - 52)

(Chief Internal Auditor) To consider the attached report (AGC-003-2015/16).

11. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2014/15 (Pages 53 - 60)

(Chief Internal Auditor) To consider the attached report (AGC-004-2015/16).

12. 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.

13. 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	None	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.