

COMMITTEE REF:

A&G/9/10



COMMITTEE : AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE

DATE : WEDNESDAY, 22ND SEPTEMBER 2010

TIME : 6.00 P.M.

PLACE : COMMITTEE ROOM 3, TOWN HALL, LUTON

COUNCILLORS: FAROOQ (CHAIR) PANTLING
RAQUIB (VICE CHAIR) PATTERSON
R. J. DAVIS RUTSTEIN
GALE


QUORUM : 3 MEMBERS

INFORMATION FOR THE PUBLIC


PURPOSE: To provide independent assurance of the adequacy of corporate governance, the risk management framework and the associated control environment, to provide independent scrutiny of the authority's financial and non-financial performance to the extent that it affects the authority's exposure to risk and impacts on the control environment, to oversee the financial reporting process and to approve the Council's statement of accounts.


This meeting is open to the public and you are welcome to attend.

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AGENDA

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	EVACUATION PROCEDURE	
	Proceed straight ahead through two sets of double doors, follow the green emergency exit signs to the main town hall entrance and proceed to the assembly point at Dunstable Place car park.	
1.	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	
2.	MINUTES	
	1. 22 nd June 2010	2.1/1 – 2.1/8
3.	SECTION 106, LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE ACT 1972	
	Those item(s) on the Agenda affected by Section 106 of the Local Government and Finance Act 1992 will be identified at the meeting. Any Members so affected is reminded that (s)he should disclose the fact and refrain from voting on those item(s).	
4.	DISCLOSURES OF INTERESTS	
	Members are reminded that they must disclose both the existence and the nature of any personal interest that they have in any matter to be considered at this meeting.	
	A Member with a personal interest in any matter to be considered at this meeting will also have a prejudicial interest in that matter if the interest is one which a member of the public with knowledge of the relevant facts would reasonably regard as so significant that it is likely to prejudice the Member's judgement of the public interest. A Member who has a prejudicial interest must withdraw from the meeting room unless (s)he has obtained a dispensation from the Council's Standards Committee.	
5.	URGENT BUSINESS	
	The Chair to report on any business which is considered to be urgent and which should be discussed at the meeting in accordance with Section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972 and to determine when, during the meeting, any such business should be discussed.	

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6.	ANNUAL BENEFITS FRAUD REPORT 2009/10 (Report of the Head of Audit)	6/1-6/6
7.	REVIEW OF RISK 2009/10 AND IMPLEMENTATION OF STATEMENT OF GOVERNANCE ACTION PLAN 2010/11 (Report of Exchequer Services Manager)	7/1-7/11
8.	WHISTLEBLOWING POLICY – ANNUAL REPORT (Report of Head of Legal Services)	8/1 – 8/13
9.	UPDATE ON INTRODUCTION OF INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL REPORTING STANDARDS (Report of the Head of Corporate Finance)	9/1-9/4
10.	EXTERNAL AUDITOR'S ANNUAL REPORT TO THOSE CHARGED WITH GOVERNANCE (Report of Head of Corporate Finance)	10/1 – 10/157 (Appendices Enclosed for Members Only)
11	INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN UPDATE (Report of the Head of Audit)	11/1 – 11/16.
12.	EXTERNAL AUDIT UPDATE 2010/11 REPORT (Report of the Head of Audit)	12/1 – 12/5
13.	LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972, PART VA To consider whether to pass a resolution under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 to exclude the public from the meeting during consideration of any item listed above if it is likely that if members of the public were present during those items there would be disclosure to them of exempt information falling within the Paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.	