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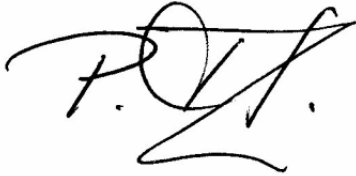
Dear Councillor

AUDIT AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE – TUESDAY, 3rd JULY, 2012

You are requested to attend a meeting of the Audit and Standards Committee to be held on Tuesday, 3rd July, 2012, at 6.00pm in Committee Room 3 at the Council House, Dudley, to consider the business set out in the agenda below.

The agenda and reports for this meeting can be viewed on the internet site www.dudley.gov.uk (Follow the links to Meetings and Decisions).

Yours sincerely,



Director of Corporate Resources

A G E N D A

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence from the meeting.

2. APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

To report the appointment of any substitutes to this meeting of the Committee.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive declarations of interest in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct.

4. MINUTES

To approve as a correct record and sign the minutes of the meetings of the former Audit Committee held on 19th April, 2012 and of the former Standards Committee held on 8th March, 2012. (copies attached)

5. AUDIT COMMISSION AUDIT COMMITTEE UPDATE (PAGES 1–15)

To consider a report of the Treasurer.

6. INTERNAL AUDIT SERVICES ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT 2011/12 (PAGES 16 – 27)

To consider a report of the Treasurer.

7. ANNUAL REVIEW OF INTERNAL AUDIT 2011/12 (PAGES 28 – 51)

To consider a report of the Treasurer.

8. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (PAGES 52 –62)

To consider a report of the Treasurer.

9. LOCALISM ACT, 2011 – THE NEW STANDARDS ARRANGEMENTS (PAGES 63 - 77)

To consider a report of the Monitoring Officer

10. TO ANSWER QUESTIONS UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 11.8 (IF ANY)

PRIVATE SESSION

In accordance with Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, the Proper Officer has determined that there will be no advance disclosure of the following reports because the public interest in disclosing the information set out in the following items is outweighed by the public interest in maintaining the exemption from disclosure

11. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

To consider the adoption of the following resolution:-

That the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 as indicated below:-

<u>Agenda Item No</u>	<u>Description of Item</u>	<u>Relevant Paragraph of Part I of Schedule 12A</u>
12	Suspensions Under the Provisions of the Employee Improvement and Disciplinary Procedure.	1
13	Annual Audit Report in Relation to the Chief Executive's Directorate	2 and 7
14	Annual Audit Report in Relation to the Directorate of Corporate Resources.	2 and 7

12. SUSPENSIONS UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE EMPLOYEE IMPROVEMENT AND DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURE (PAGES 78 – 82)

To consider a report of the Director of Corporate Resources.

13. ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT IN RELATION TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S DIRECTORATE (PAGES 83 –108)

To consider a report of the Treasurer.

14. ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT IN RELATION TO THE DIRECTORATE OF CORPORATE RESOURCES (PAGES 109 –158)

To consider a report of the Treasurer.

Distribution

Councillors Arshad, Branwood, Burston, Cowell, Hill, Taylor, Tyler, Mrs Westwood and Zada..