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17<sup>th</sup> June 2008

**Dear Councillor** 

# **AUDIT COMMITTEE – WEDNESDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2008**

You are requested to attend a meeting of the Audit Committee to be held on Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2008, at 6.00pm in Committee Room 3 at the Council House, Dudley, to consider the business set out in the agenda below.

A Committee tea will be available for Members in the Members' Dining Room from 4.45pm. Please inform Manjit Johal on the telephone number above at least 48 hours before the meeting if a meal IS NOT required or if a vegetarian or special dietary meal is required.

The agenda and reports for this meeting can be viewed on the Council's website <a href="www.dudley.gov.uk">www.dudley.gov.uk</a> (Follow the links to Council Decision Making and Committee Information).

Yours sincerely,

John Pomouni

Director of Law and Property

AGENDA

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence from the meeting.

APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS

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

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 meeting of the Committee held on 10<sup>th</sup> April, 2008.

5. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2007/08 (PAGES 1 –75)

To consider a report of the Director of Finance

6. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (PAGES 76 – 81)

To consider a report of the Director of Finance

7. ANNUAL REVIEW OF INTERNAL AUDIT (PAGES 82 – 97)

To consider a report of the Director of Finance

8. INTERNAL AUDIT SERVICES ANNUAL REPORT 2007/08 (PAGES 98 – 109)

To consider a report of the Director of Finance

9. FINANCIAL REGULATIONS AND STANDING ORDERS (PAGES 110 – 145)

To consider a report of the Director of Finance

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

### PRIVATE SESSION

In accordance with Paragraph 10 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:-

Agenda Item No Description of Item

Relevant Paragraph of Part I of Schedule 12A

12	Annual Audit Report in Relation to the Directorate of Law and Property	2 and 7
13	Annual Audit Report in Relation to the Chief Executive's Directorate	2 and 7

12. ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT IN RELATION TO THE DIRECTORATE OF LAW AND PROPERTY (PAGES 146 - 159)

To consider a report of the Director of Finance.

13. ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT IN RELATION TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S DIRECTORATE (PAGES 160 - 172)

To consider a report of the Director of Finance.

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