Directorate of Corporate Resources

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11th September, 2013

Dear Member

Audit and Standards Committee – Thursday 19th September, 2013.

You are requested to attend a meeting of the Audit and Standards Committee to be held on Thursday 19th September, 2013 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 public reports are available on the Council's Website <u>www.dudley.gov.uk</u> and follow the links to Councillors in Dudley and Committee Management Information System.

Yours sincerely

Director of Corporate Resources

<u>A G E N D A</u>

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence from the meeting.

2. APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUE MEMBERS

To report the appointment of any substitute members serving for 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 meeting of the Committee held on 9th July, 2013 (copy attached).

5. EXTERNAL AUDIT FINDINGS REPORT 2012/13 AND REVIEW OF THE COUNCIL'S ARRANGEMENTS FOR SECURING FINANCIAL RESILIENCE (PAGES 1 - 76)

To consider a report of the Treasurer

6. CODE OF CONDUCT FOR EMPLOYEES (PAGES 77 - 94)

To consider a report of the Director of Corporate Resources

7. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2012/13 (PAGES 95 - 98)

To consider a report of the Treasurer

8. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (PAGES 99 – 110)

To consider a report of the Treasurer

9. TREASURY MANAGEMENT (PAGES 111 – 119)

To consider a report of the Treasurer

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:-

<u>Agenda Item No</u>	Description of Item	<u>Relevant Paragraph(s)</u> of Part I of Schedule <u>12A</u>
12	Annual Audit Report in relation to the Directorate of the Urban Environment	2 and 7
13	Audit Services Interim Performance Report	2 and 7
14	Report Required under Standing Orders	2 and 7

12. ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT IN RELATION TO THE DIRECTORATE OF THE URBAN ENVIRONMENT (PAGES 120 – 145)

To consider a report of the Treasurer

13. AUDIT SERVICES INTERIM PERFORMANCE REPORT (PAGES 146 – 160)

To consider a report of the Treasurer

14. REPORT REQUIRED UNDER STANDING ORDERS (PAGES 161 – 164)

To consider a report of the Treasurer

To: All Members of the Audit and Standards Committee, namely:

Arshad	Cowell	Harris	Hill	Mrs. P Martin
Russell	Taylor	Tyler	C. Wilson	