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17th April, 2013

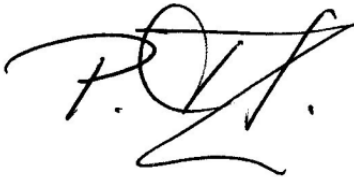
Dear Member

Audit and Standards Committee – Thursday 25th April, 2013.

You are requested to attend a meeting of the Audit and Standards Committee to be held on Thursday 25th April, 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 www.dudley.gov.uk and follow the links to Councillors in Dudley and Committee Management Information System.

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 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 14th February, 2013 (copy attached).

5. GRANT THORNTON AUDIT AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE UPDATE (PAGES 1 - 17)

To consider a report of the Treasurer

6. CONFIDENTIAL REPORTING POLICY (PAGES 18 -26)

To consider a report of the Monitoring Officer

7. UPDATE ON ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT – DIRECTORATE OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Verbal update by Head of Audit

8. AUDIT PLAN FOR THE PERIOD 2013/2014 (PAGES 27 - 38)

To consider a report of the Treasurer

9. REVIEW OF THE CODE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE (PAGES 39 -70)

To consider a report of the Treasurer

10. COMMITTEE BENCHMARKING REPORT (PAGES 71 – 75)

To consider a report of the Treasurer

11. 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

12. 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(s) of Part I of Schedule 12A</u>
13	Report required under Standing Orders	2 and 7
14	Audit Services Annual Fraud Report	2 and 7

13. REPORT REQUIRED UNDER STANDING ORDERS (PAGES 76 - 77)

To consider a report of the Treasurer

14. AUDIT SERVICES ANNUAL FRAUD REPORT (PAGES 78 - 118)

To consider a report of the Treasurer

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

Arshad	Branwood	Burston	Cowell	Hill
Taylor	Tyler	Mrs Westwood	Zada	