Directorate of Corporate Resources

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5th February, 2014

Dear Member

Audit and Standards Committee – Thursday 13th February, 2014.

You are requested to attend a meeting of the Audit and Standards Committee to be held on Thursday 13th February, 2014 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

AGENDA

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.

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 10th December, 2013 (copy attached).

5. GRANT THORNTON – FEE LETTER 2013/14 (PAGES 1 - 6)

To consider a report of the Treasurer

6. GRANT THORNTON REPORT – GRANT CERTIFICATION WORK 2012/13 (PAGES 7 - 21)

To consider a report of the Treasurer

7. RISK MANAGEMENT (PAGES 22 - 40)

To consider a report of the Treasurer

8. TREASURY MANAGEMENT (PAGES 41 - 57)

To consider a report of the Treasurer

9. 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

10. 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(s) of Part I of Schedule 12A
11	Audit Services Interim Performance Report	2 and 7
12	Annual Report in Relation to the Directorate of Children's Services	2 and 7

11. AUDIT SERVICES INTERIM PERFORMANCE REPORT (PAGES 58 - 70)

To consider a report of the Treasurer

12. ANNUAL REPORT IN RELATION TO THE DIRECTORATE OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES (PAGES 71 - 103)

To consider a report of the Treasurer

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

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