

### **Audit and Standards Committee**

# Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> April, 2015 at 6.00pm in Committee Room 3 at the Council House, Priory Road, Dudley

## Agenda - Public Session (Meeting open to the public and press)

- Apologies for absence.
- 2. To report the appointment of any substitute Members for this meeting of the Sub-Committee.
- 3. To receive any declarations of interest under the Members' Code of Conduct.
- 4. To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2015 as a correct record.
- 5. Grant Thornton Audit Plan 2014/15 (Pages 1 17)
- 6. Audit Plan for the period 2015/16 (Pages 18 26)
- 7. Review of the Code of Corporate Governance (Pages 27 65)
- 8. Whistleblowing Policy (Pages 66 85)
- 9. Risk Management (Pages 86 97)
- To consider any questions from Members to the Chair where two clear days notice has been given to the Strategic Director (Resources and Transformation) (Council Procedure Rule 11.8).

Under the provisions of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, the Director of Corporate Resources has decided that there will be no advance disclosure of the following reports because the public interest in disclosing the information is outweighed by the public interest in maintaining the exemption from disclosure.

The submission of these reports complies with the Local Authorities (Executive

Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

11. Resolution to exclude the public and press

Chair to move:

"That the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information under Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, for the reasons stated on the agenda."

#### **Agenda - Private Session**

(Meeting not open to the public and press)

- Additional Information on the December 2014 Report Suspensions under the Provisions of the Employee Improvement and Disciplinary Procedure (Pages 98 - 109)
- 13. Report Required Under Standing Orders (July to December, 2014) (Pages 110 114)
- 14. Audit Services Annual Fraud Report (Pages 115 141)

**Strategic Director (Resources and Transformation)** 

Dated: 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2015

#### **Distribution**:

Councillor J Cowell (Chair)

Councillor M Roberts (Vice-Chair)

Councillors A. Aston; C Billingham; P Brothwood; M. Evans; D. Russell, A. Taylor and D Tyler

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