

Audit and Standards Committee

Tuesday, 9th December, 2014 at 6.00pm in Committee Room 3 at the Council House, Priory Road, Dudley

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

- 1. 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 18th September, 2014 as a correct record.
- 5. Grant Thornton Annual Audit Letter 2013/14 (Pages 1 9)
- 6. Annual Report of the Committee on Standards in Public Life (Pages 10 44)
- 7. Risk Management (Pages 45 51)
- To consider any questions from Members to the Chair where two clear days notice has been given to the Director of Corporate Resources (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

9. 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)

- Suspensions under the provisions of the Employee Improvement and Disciplinary Procedure (Pages 52 – 57)
- 11. Fraud Presentation
- 12. Annual Audit Report in relation to the Directorate of Adult, Community and Housing Services (Pages 58 90)

Director of Corporate Resources Dated: 27th November, 2014

Distribution:

Councillor J Cowell (Chair) Councillor M Roberts (Vice-Chair) Councillors A. Aston; C Billingham; P Brothwood; M. Evans; C Perks (Substitute), D. Russell and A. Taylor

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