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6th February, 2013

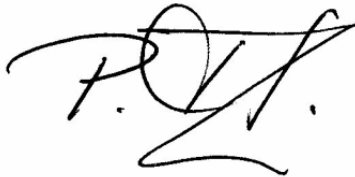
Dear Member

**Audit and Standards Committee – Thursday 14th February, 2013.**

You are requested to attend a meeting of the Audit and Standards Committee to be held on Thursday 14th February, 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](http://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 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2012 (copy attached).

5. ANNUAL AUDIT LETTER 2011/12 (PAGES 1 - 6)

To consider a joint report of the Chief Executive and the Treasurer

6. EXTERNAL AUDITOR REPORT: CERTIFICATION 2011/12 (PAGES 7 - 20)

To consider a report of the Treasurer

7. GRANT THORNTON – FEE LETTER 2012/13 (PAGES 21 - 70 )

To consider a report of the Treasurer

8. REVIEW OF RISK MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES IN 2012 AND PRIORITIES FOR 2013/14 (PAGES 71 - 88 )

To consider a report of the Treasurer

9. TREASURY MANAGEMENT (PAGES 89 - 105)

To consider a report of the Treasurer

10. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE 2011/12 – TO FOLLOW

To consider a report of the Monitoring Officer

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	Annual Audit Report in relation to the Directorate of Adult, Community and Housing Services	2 and 7
14	Annual Audit Report in relation to the Directorate of Children's Services	2 and 7
15	Audit Services Interim Performance Report	2 and 7

13. ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT IN RELATION TO THE DIRECTORATE OF ADULT, COMMUNITY AND HOUSING SERVICES (PAGES 106 - 181)

To consider a report of the Treasurer

14. ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT IN RELATION TO THE DIRECTORATE OF CHILDREN'S SERVICES (PAGES 182 - 299)

To consider a report of the Treasurer

15. AUDIT SERVICES INTERIM PERFORMANCE REPORT (PAGES 300 - 305)

To consider a report of the Treasurer

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

Arshad	Branwood	Burston	Cowell	Hill
Taylor	Tyler	Mrs Westwood	Zada	