

## DECISIONS OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

20 June 2006

COMMITTEE:

\*Councillor Jeremy Davies BA (Hons) CPFA (Chairman)

\*Councillor Daniel Thomas (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors:

\$ Terry Burton

\* Danish Chopra

\* Geof Cooke

\* Richard Cornelius

\* Marina Yannakoudakis MA BSc

\*denotes Member present

\$ denotes Member absent on Council business

**1. MINUTES:**

RESOLVED – That the decisions of the meeting held on 4 April 2006 be approved as a correct record.

**2. ABSENCE OF MEMBERS:**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Terry Burton who was on Council business, chairing a meeting of the Chipping Barnet Area Planning Sub-Committee.

**3. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:**

There were no public questions.

**4. DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS:**

No interests were declared.

**5. MEMBERS' ITEMS:**

None were received.

**6. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CORPORATE ANTI-FRAUD TEAM 2005-6, WORK PLAN 2006-7 AND WHISTLEBLOWING POLICY (Report of the Head of the Corporate Anti-Fraud Team and the Borough Solicitor – Agenda Item 6)**

RESOLVED – That the Committee note the contents of the report, the Annual Report 2005-6, the work plan for 2006-07 and the Whistleblowing policy.

**7. INTERNAL AUDIT ANNUAL REPORT 2005-6 (Report of the Chief Internal Auditor – Agenda Item 7)**

RESOLVED –

(1) That the Committee note the contents of the report and the actions being carried out by the Internal Audit team to address deficiencies.

(2) That the Chief Internal Auditor be instructed:

- (i) on all cases detailed in the annual report where a follow up audit showed that assurance levels had not reached a satisfactory level, to write to the relevant Head of Service expressing the Committee's disappointment at the audit's findings and asking them to explain the reason for failure to implement agreed actions arising from the initial audit and when the actions would be implemented, or alternatively to attend the next meeting of the Audit Committee to give an explanation.
- (ii) to contact the Members of the Audit Committee by email giving details of when the follow-up audit on the Trading Standards service was due to take place and how far forward the service appeared to have progressed to date with the agreed actions arising from the initial audit.

The meeting closed at 7.38 pm