

## DECISIONS OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

28 June 2007

COMMITTEE:

Councillor Jeremy Davies BA (Hons) CPFA (Chairman)  
\*Councillor Daniel Thomas BA (Hons) (Vice-Chairman in the Chair)

Councillors:

* Alan Schneiderman (Substituting for Danish Chopra)	* Geof Cooke Richard Cornelius
* Dean Cohen BSc (Hons) (Substituting for Cllr Mukesh Depala)	Marina Yannakoudakis BSc (Hons) MA

\*denotes Member present

\$ denotes Member absent on Council Business

**1. MINUTES:**

RESOLVED – That the decisions of the meeting held on 20 March 2007 be approved as a correct record.

**2. ABSENCE OF MEMBERS:**

Apologies were received from Councillor Jeremy Davies who was unwell, Councillor Marina Yannakoudakis, Councillor Richard Cornelius, Councillor Danish Chopra and Councillor Mukesh Depala.

**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. INTERNAL AUDIT ANNUAL REPORT 2006/7 (Head of Internal Audit and Ethical Governance – Agenda Item 6)**

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the Committee noted the contents of the report and the actions being carried out to address deficiencies.
- (2) That the Head of Internal Audit and Ethical Governance in consultation with the Chairman of the Audit Committee seek an assessment of progress made on the Housing Rent Deposit Scheme before the next meeting of the Audit Committee.
- (3) That the Head of Internal Audit and Ethical Governance arrange a further follow up of the Housing rents audit and report the findings to the next Committee meeting.

- 7. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CORPORATE ANTI-FRAUD TEAM (CAFT) 2006/7 (Report of the Acting Head of CAFT and Deputy Director of Corporate Governance – Agenda Item 7)**
- RESOLVED –
- (1) That the Committee noted the contents of the CAFT Annual Report for 2006/7.
  - (2) That the Acting Head of CAFT consulting with the Head of Housing as necessary be instructed to write to Members of the Committee providing details of the amount of money the Council actually recovered from fraudulently claimed Housing and Council Tax Benefit in 2006/7 and in previous years
- 8. ANNUAL AUDIT AND INSPECTION LETTER 2005/6 AND AUDIT AND INSPECTION PLAN 2007/8 (Report of the Deputy Director for Resources and Chief Finance Officer – Agenda Item 8)**
- Representatives of external auditors Robson Rhodes attended the meeting to present and discuss the contents of the Annual Audit and Inspection letter and Audit & Inspection Plan.
- RESOLVED –
- (1) That the Audit Commission Annual Audit and Inspection Letter for 2005/6 be accepted as a reasonable statement on the Council's position in respect to financial standing, and financial and performance management arrangements.
  - (2) That the Committee noted the Annual Audit and Inspection Plan for 2007/8.
  - (3) That the Democratic Services Manager be instructed on behalf of the Committee to request the Supporting the Vulnerable in our Community Overview & Scrutiny Committee to consider including the areas for improvement as identified in the Annual Audit and Inspection Letter for Adult Social Care Services, when setting the Programme of Work for 2007/8.
- 9. 2006/7 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS (Cabinet Member for Resources – Agenda Item 9)**
- RESOLVED –
- (1) That the Statement of Accounts for the financial year ended 31 March 2007 be approved.
  - (2) That the Statement of Accounting Policies included in the accounts be adopted.
  - (3) That the Chief Finance Officer, in consultation with the Chairman of the Audit Committee, be authorised to agree significant changes, if any, to the draft Statement of Accounts following discussions with auditors, and inform members of the Committee accordingly.
  - (4) That the Committee agreed that the Statement of Accounts be signed by the Chairman as having been approved.

The meeting closed at 8.13pm