

# Mid Devon District Council

## Audit Committee

Tuesday, 24 January 2017 at 5.30 pm  
Exe Room, Phoenix House, Tiverton

Next ordinary meeting  
Tuesday, 21 March 2017 at 5.30 pm

Those attending are advised that this meeting will be recorded

## Membership

Cllr R Evans (Chairman)  
Cllr Mrs J B Binks  
Cllr Mrs C Collis  
Cllr R M Deed  
Cllr T G Hughes  
Cllr R F Radford  
Cllr L D Taylor

## A G E N D A

*Members are reminded of the need to make declarations of interest prior to any discussion which may take place*

1. **Election of Vice Chairman**

To elect a Vice Chairman for the remainder of the municipal year 2016/17.

2. **Apologies**

To receive any apologies for absence.

3. **Public Question Time**

To receive any questions relating to items on the Agenda from members of the public and replies thereto.

4. **Minutes of the previous meeting** (*Pages 5 - 10*)

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 22 November 2016 (copy attached).

5. **Chairman's Announcements**

To receive any announcements that the Chairman may wish to make.

6. **Internal Audit Options from 2017/18** (Pages 11 - 68)

To receive a report from the Internal Audit Team Leader summarising the options MDDC has for Internal Audit provision going forwards.

7. **Progress update on the Annual Governance Statement Action Plan** (Pages 69 - 74)

To receive a report from the Internal Audit Team Leader providing the Committee with an update on progress made against the 2015/16 Annual Governance Statement Action Plan.

8. **Internal Progress Report** (Pages 75 - 82)

To receive a report from the Audit Team Leader updating the Committee on the work performed by Internal Audit for the 2016/17 financial year.

9. **Internal Audit Reports**

Committee to discuss any issues arising from any Audit reports they have received since the last meeting. During discussion of this item it **may** be necessary to pass the following resolution to exclude the press and public having reflected on Article 12 12.02(d) (a presumption in favour of openness) of the Constitution. This decision may be required because consideration of this matter in public may disclose information falling within one of the descriptions of exempt information in Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972. The Committee will need to decide whether, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption, outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

**ACCESS TO INFORMATION ACT – EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**RECOMMENDED** that under section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the next item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in section 100I and paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, namely information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

*(Please note: This is a standing item which may not be needed should discussion have taken place regarding internal audit reports under the*

*previous item on the agenda)*

10. **Performance and Risk** (*Pages 83 - 110*)

To receive a report from the Director of Corporate Affairs & Business Transformation providing Members with an update on performance against the Corporate Plan and local service targets for 2016-17 as well as providing an update on the key business risks.

11. **Arrangements for the appointment of External Auditors from 2017/18** (*Pages 111 - 120*)

To receive a report from the Director of Finance, Assets and Resources regarding whether to recommend to full Council to opt in to the Public Sector Led Body to appoint external auditors for five years from 2018/19.

12. **External Audit progress report and update** (*Pages 121 - 138*)

To receive a report from Grant Thornton providing an update on progress in delivering their responsibilities as the Council's external auditors.

13. **Grants Certification report** (*Pages 139 - 142*)

To receive a report from Grant Thornton.

14. **Identification of items for the next meeting**

Members are asked to note that the following items are already identified in the work programme for the next meeting:

- Internal Audit Strategy
- Risk and Opportunity Management Strategy
- Performance and Risk
- Four Year Strategic Audit Plan and Work Programme
- Code of Corporate Governance
- Internal Audit Progress Report
- Internal Audit Charter
- External Audit update and progress report
- Chairman's annual report for 2016/17

Note: This item is limited to 10 minutes. There should be no discussion on the items raised.

**Stephen Walford**  
Chief Executive  
Monday 16 January 2017

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