

Audit and Governance Committee

Meeting: Monday, 24th September 2012 at 6.30 pm in Committee Room 1, North Warehouse, The Docks, Gloucester, GL1 2EP

Membership:	Cllrs. Wilson (Chair), Hobbs (Vice-Chair), McLellan, Noakes, Porter, Wood and Gilson
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	AGENDA					
1.	APOLOGIES					
	To receive any apologies for absence.					
2.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST					
	To receive from Members, declarations of the existence of any disclosable pecuniary, or non-pecuniary, interests and the nature of those interests in relation to any agenda item. Please see Agenda Notes.					
3.	MINUTES (Pages 1 - 10)					
	To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 25 June 2012.					
4.	PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (15 MINUTES)					
	To receive any questions from members of the public provided that a question does not relate to:					
	 Matters which are the subject of current or pending legal proceedings, or Matters relating to employees or former employees of the Council or comments in respect of individual Council Officers 					
5.	PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS (15 MINUTES)					
	To receive any petitions and deputations provided that no such petition is in relation to:					

Matters relating to individual Council Officers, or

Matters relating to current or pending legal proceedings

6.	RISK MANAGEMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2012 (Pages 11 - 14)							
	To consider the report of Group Manager, Audit and Assurance.							
7.	INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN 2012/13 - QUARTERLY MONITORING REPORT (Pages 15 - 22)							
	To consider the report of Group Manager, Audit and Assurance.							
8.	LOCAL GOVERNMENT OMBUDSMAN - ANNUAL REVIEW LETTER (Pages 23 - 28)							
	To note the Annual Review Letter from the Local Government Ombudsman.							
9.	EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC							
	To consider the following Resolution:							
	"That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the following items of business on the grounds that it is likely, in view of the nature of business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the press and public are present during consideration of these items there will be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Section 1001 of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended".							
	Agenda Item Nos. Description of Exempt Information							
	10) Information relating to the financial or business 11) affairs of any particular person (including the 12) authority holding that information).							
10.	UPDATE ON STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2011/12							
	Verbal report of the Director of Resources.							
11.	UPDATE ON AUDIT PROGRESS							
	To consider the report of KPMG – report to follow							
12.	ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2011/12 (Pages 29 - 48)							
	To consider the report of Group Manager, Audit and Assurance.							
13.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING							
	Monday, 26 November 2012 at 6.30pm.							

Julian Wain Chief Executive

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NOTES

Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

The duties to register, disclose and not to participate in respect of any matter in which a member has a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest are set out in Chapter 7 of the Localism Act 2011.

Disclosable pecuniary interests are defined in the Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 as follows –

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<u>Interest</u>	Prescribed description						
Employment, office, trade, profession or vocation	Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain.						
Sponsorship	Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from the Council) made or provided within the previous 12 months (up to and including the date of notification of the interest) in respect of any expenses incurred by you carrying out duties as a member, or towards your election expenses. This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.						
Contracts	Any contract which is made between you, your spouse or civil partner or person with whom you are living as a spouse or civil partner (or a body in which you or they have a beneficial interest) and the Council (a) under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and (b) which has not been fully discharged						
Land	Any beneficial interest in land which is within the Council's area.						
	For this purpose "land" includes an easement, servitude, interest or right in or over land which does not carry with it a right for you, your spouse, civil partner or person with whom you are living as a spouse or civil partner (alone or jointly with another) to occupy the land or to receive income.						
Licences	Any licence (alone or jointly with others) to occupy land in the Council's area for a month or longer.						
Corporate tenancies	Any tenancy where (to your knowledge) –						
	 (a) the landlord is the Council; and (b) the tenant is a body in which you, your spouse or civil partner or a person you are living with as a spouse or civil partner has a beneficial interest 						
Securities	Any beneficial interest in securities of a body where –						
	(a) that body (to your knowledge) has a place of business or land in the Council's area and						
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- i. The total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or
- ii. If the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which you, your spouse or civil partner or person with whom you are living as a spouse or civil partner has a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.

For this purpose, "securities" means shares, debentures, debenture stock, loan stock, bonds, units of a collective investment scheme within the meaning of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 and other securities of any description, other than money deposited with a building society.

NOTE: the requirements in respect of the registration and disclosure of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and withdrawing from participating in respect of any matter where you have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest apply to your interests and those of your spouse or civil partner or person with whom you are living as a spouse or civil partner where you are aware of their interest.

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