



## Audit and Governance Committee

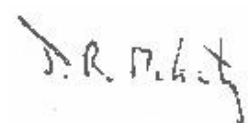
**Meeting: Monday, 18th January 2016 at 6.30 pm in Committee Room 1,  
North Warehouse, The Docks, Gloucester, GL1 2EP**

<b>Membership:</b>	Cllrs. Llewellyn, Gravells, McLellan, Hobbs, Taylor, Patel and Hampson
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### AGENDA

<b>1.</b>	<b>APOLOGIES</b>  To receive any apologies for absence.
<b>2.</b>	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>  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.
<b>3.</b>	<b>MINUTES (Pages 7 - 12)</b>  To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 23 November 2015.
<b>4.</b>	<b>PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (15 MINUTES)</b>  To receive any questions from members of the public provided that a question does not relate to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Matters which are the subject of current or pending legal proceedings, or</li> <li>• Matters relating to employees or former employees of the Council or comments in respect of individual Council Officers</li> </ul>
<b>5.</b>	<b>PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS (15 MINUTES)</b>  To receive any petitions and deputations provided that no such petition or deputation is in relation to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Matters relating to individual Council Officers, or</li> <li>• Matters relating to current or pending legal proceedings</li> </ul>
<b>6.</b>	<b>AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE ACTION PLAN (Pages 13 - 14)</b>  To consider the Action Plan.

7.	<p><b>KPMG ANNUAL REPORT ON GRANTS AND RETURNS WORK 2014/15</b> (Pages 15 - 22)</p> <p>To consider the report of KPMG relating to the Annual Grants and Return work 2014/15.</p>				
8.	<p><b>INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN 2015/16 - MONITORING REPORT</b> (Pages 23 - 34)</p> <p>To consider the report of the Audit, Risk and Assurance Manager relating to the 2015/16 Internal Audit Plan monitoring report.</p>				
9.	<p><b>BUSINESS RATES POOLING ANNUAL REPORT</b> (Pages 35 - 38)</p> <p>To consider the report of the Head of Finance relating to the Annual Business Rates Pooling.</p>				
10.	<p><b>ANNUAL STANDARDS REPORT</b> (Pages 39 - 42)</p> <p>To consider the report of the Monitoring Officer relating to the Annual Standards reports.</p>				
11.	<p><b>LOCAL GOVERNMENT OMBUDSMAN DECISIONS</b> (Pages 43 - 52)</p> <p>To consider the report of the Monitoring Officer relating to a recent Ombudsman investigation resulting in a finding of fault or injustice on the part of the Council.</p>				
12.	<p><b>AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME</b> (Pages 53 - 54)</p> <p>To consider the Work Programme.</p>				
13.	<p><b>EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC</b></p> <p><b>To resolve:-</b></p> <p>“That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the following item 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 this item there will be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended”.</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="236 1350 1458 1487"> <thead> <tr> <th data-bbox="236 1350 478 1384"><b>Agenda Item No.</b></th> <th data-bbox="619 1350 1102 1384"><b>Description of Exempt Information</b></th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td data-bbox="236 1420 276 1453">14</td> <td data-bbox="619 1420 1458 1487">Paragraphs 7: Information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention or prosecution of crime.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	<b>Agenda Item No.</b>	<b>Description of Exempt Information</b>	14	Paragraphs 7: Information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention or prosecution of crime.
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14.	<p><b>COUNCIL IT- LESSONS LEARNED</b> (Pages 55 - 58)</p> <p>To consider the report of the Head of Finance and Business Improvement updating Members on the lessons learned from issues arising from the Council's IT.</p>				
15.	<p><b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b></p> <p>Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> March 2016 at 6.30pm.</p>				



**Jon McGinty**  
**Managing Director**

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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 –

<u>Interest</u>	<u>Prescribed description</u>
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 (b) either – 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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