

Audit and Standards Committee

Agenda

28th May 2009

The Audit and Standards Committee will meet at the **SHIRE HALL, WARWICK** on **28th May 2009 at 10:00 a.m.**

The agenda will be: -

1. General

- (1) **Apologies for absence**
- (2) **Members' Disclosures of Personal and Prejudicial Interests**

Members are reminded that they should declare the existence and nature of their personal interests at the commencement of the relevant item (or as soon as the interest becomes apparent). If that interest is a prejudicial interest the Member must withdraw from the room unless one of the exceptions applies.

- (3) **Minutes of the Audit and Standards Committee meeting held on 24th February 2009 and matters arising.**

STANDARDS ITEMS

2. **Standards Board for England – Bulletins No. 42 and 43**

Report of the Strategic Director Customers, Workforce and Governance.

This report encloses the latest issues of the Standards Board Bulletins No. 42 and 43

Recommendation

That the Committee notes the latest Standards Board Bulletins

For further information please contact John Wright, Committee Manager, Tel: 01926 412320 e-mail johnwright@warwickshire.gov.uk.

AUDIT ITEMS

3. Annual Audit and Inspection Letter

Report of the Chief Executive

The report presents the Audit Commission annual audit letter for consideration by the Committee.

Recommendation

That the report be noted

For further information please contact Tricia Morrison Corporate Planning and Performance Manager Tel: 01926 73(6319)
Email:triciamorrison@warwickshire.gov.uk

4. Audit Opinion Plans 2008/09

Report of the Strategic Director Resources

To submit to the committee copies of the Audit Commission's Audit Opinion Plans 2008/09 for the County Council and the Warwickshire Pension Fund.

Recommendation

That the Committee consider the Audit Commission's Audit Opinion Plans for 2008/09 and seek any clarification from the Audit Commission.

For further information please contact Oliver Winters, Head of Finance Tel: 01926 412441 Email oliverwinters@warwickshire.gov.uk

5. Annual Governance Statement

Report of the Strategic Director Customers, Workforce and Governance

This report sets out the conclusions of the review of internal control as part of the overall process that fulfills the Authority's statutory obligations to publish an Annual Governance Statement. It presents a draft Annual Governance Statement for scrutiny prior to submission to Cabinet.

Recommendation

That the Committee consider the results of the review of internal control and draft Annual Governance Statement and identify any matters they wish to bring to the attention of the Chief Executive and Leader of the Council who will be the signatories to the Statement.

For further information please contact Greta Needham, Head of Law and Governance Tel: 01926 412319 Email greatneedham@warwickshire.gov.uk
Garry Rollason, Audit and Risk Manager Tel: 01926 412679 Email garryrollason@warwickshire.gov.uk

6. Internal Audit Strategy 2009/10

Report of the Strategic Director Customers, Workforce and Governance

This report asks the Committee to endorse the 2009/10 internal audit plan

Recommendation

That the proposed internal audit strategy be approved

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7. Strategy for Implementing International Reporting Standards

Report of the Strategic Director Resources

This report details plans for the implementation of International Financial Reporting Standards

Recommendation

That the report be noted

For further information please contact Andrew Lovegrove, Accounting Services Team Leader Tel: 01926 412242 Email andrewlovegrove@warwickshire.gov.uk

8. Audit and Standards Work Programme

Report of the Strategic Director Performance and Development.

This report encloses the latest work programme for the Committee

Recommendation

That the Committee consider the latest work programme for the Committee

For further information please contact John Wright, Committee Manager, Tel: 01926 412320 e-mail johnwright@warwickshire.gov.uk.

9. Any Other Business

Which the Chair decides is urgent.

10. Future Meeting Dates

To note future meeting dates to be held in Shire Hall at 10:00 a.m. as follows -
21 September 2009.
23 November 2009
22 February 2010

11. Report Containing Confidential or Exempt Information

To consider passing the following resolution:

‘That members of the public be excluded from the meeting for items 12 and 13 below on the grounds that their presence would involve the disclosure of confidential or exempt information as defined in paragraph 7 of the Local Government Act 1972’.

(NB. Copies of extracts describing exempt information are available in Warwickshire Libraries, the County Council Handbook and the Access to Information Register held in my office).

12 Exempt minutes of the meeting held on 24th February 2009

13. Internal Audit Annual Report

Report of the Strategic Director Customers, Workforce and Governance

This report summarises the results of internal audit work during 2008/9 for consideration by the committee

Recommendation

That the committee considers the annual report and recommends to Cabinet issues to be included in the Annual Governance Statement

For further information please contact Garry Rollason, Audit and Risk Manager
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Warwick
May 2009

Membership

Councillors Sarah Boad, Les Caborn, Mick Jones, Tim Naylor, Bob Stevens and John Vereker CBE.

Independent Members: John Bridgeman CBE, (Chair), Rob Jeanes, Mark Magowan and Bob Meacham OBE

If you have any questions about this agenda please contact John Wright, Committee Manager, Member Services, Performance and Development Directorate, Tel. 01926 412320 or e-mail johnwright@warwickshire.gov.uk