

Rochford District Council

Audit Committee

agenda Date 8 December 2015 Time 7.30 pm Place Committee Room 4 **Civic Suite** Rayleigh The public are welcome to Contact attend this meeting up to item 11 of the Agenda Sonia Worthington Rochford District Council South Street Rochford Essex **SS4 1BW** Phone: 01702 546366 Fax: 01702 545737

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Terms of Reference

To exercise the Council's functions in relation to:-

- Matters arising out of internal audit and control reports
- The scope of internal audit activity
- Review of the adequacy of governance and risk management arrangements and internal control
- Consideration of matters arising from external audit as are referred to it by the External Auditor

Including the management of the budget in respect of these functions.

The Council's vision is to create a better future together

The Council's values:-

- Rising to the challenge
- Delivering in unity
- Committed to the community

AGENDA

Emergency evacuation announcement

- 1 Apologies for Absence
- 2 Non-Members attending
- 3 Minutes of the Meeting held on 23 September 2015
- 4 To Receive Declarations of Interest
- 5 Questions on Notice
- 6 Motions on Notice

7	External Auditor Report Updates for 2014/15	7.1 – 7.6
	To consider the report of the Assistant Director, Legal Services drawing Members' attention to the recommendations arising from the Annual Governance Report 2014/15.	
8	Public Sector Internal Audit Standards Quality Assurance and Improvement Programme	8.1 – 8.20
	To consider the report of the Assistant Director, Legal Services, providing Members with an update on the Public Sector Internal Audit Standards and Quality Assurance and Improvement Programme following an internal self-assessment for 2015	
9	Progress on the 2015/16 Internal Audit Plan	9.1 – 9.5
	To consider the report of the Assistant Director, Legal Services updating Members on progress with respect to the 2015/16 audit plan.	

10Review of the Council's Risk Management Policy and10.1 –Framework for 2015/1610.28

To consider the report of the Section 151 Officer presenting a review and proposed update of the Council's risk management policy and framework and corporate risk register for 2015/16 for Members' consideration and approval.

11 Exclusion of the Press and Public

To agree that the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the remaining business on the grounds that exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 would be disclosed.

12 Audit Report

To consider the exempt report of the Assistant Director, Legal Services, which draws Members' attention to completed audit investigations and provides an update of audit recommendations.

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