

Rochford District Council

## **Audit Committee**

## agenda Date 27 March 2012 Time 7.30 pm Place Committee Room 4 **Civic Suite** Rayleigh The public are welcome to Contact attend this meeting up to item 12 of the Agenda Sonia Worthington **Rochford District Council** South Street Rochford Essex **SS4 1BW**

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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 make Rochford District a place which provides opportunities for the best possible quality of life for all who live, work and visit here.

The Council's objectives are to make a difference:-

- to our people
- to our community
- to our environment
- to our local economy.

# The Council's values (the way we work to pursue these objectives) are to:-

- Be an open, accountable, listening, responsive Council
- Put the customer and citizen at the heart of everything we do, delivering services in a caring and sensitive manner
- Co-ordinate the management of resources with an emphasis on sustainability
- Value the contribution of partners, employees and citizens, trusting each other and working collaboratively.

#### AGENDA

Emergency evacuation announcement

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- 1 Apologies for Absence
- 2 Substitutes
- 3 Non-Members attending
- 4 Minutes of the Meeting held on 29 September 2011
- 5 To Receive Declarations of Interest
- 6 Questions on Notice
- 7 Motions on Notice

#### 8 External Auditor Reports and Updates for 2010/11 8.1 – 8.28

To consider the report of the Head of Finance drawing Members' attention to the recommendations arising from the "Annual Governance Report, 2010/11 and also introducing the external auditors' Annual Audit Letter for 2010/11 and their grants claim certification report for 2010/11.

### **9 External Auditor's Annual Audit Plan for 2011/12** 9.1 – 9.18

To consider the report of the Head of Finance presenting PKF's updated annual audit plan (AAP) covering the audit of the 2011/12 accounts and grants.

# 10Review Of The Council's Corporate Risk10.1 –Management Framework and Risk Register for<br/>2012/1310.36

To consider the report of the Head of Finance providing a review and update of the Council's corporate risk management framework and corporate risk register for 2012/13.

#### 11 Data Quality and Records Management Policy and Progress Report

11.1 – 11.7

To consider the report of the Head of Finance providing an update on the progress made to ensure that the data the Council uses to measure its performance and inform its decision-making is of the highest quality.

#### 12 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.

#### 13 Audit Report

To consider the exempt report of the Head of Finance, which draws Members' attention to completed audit investigations and provides an update of audit recommendations.

Paul Warren Chief Executive