

**Rochford District** Council

# **Audit Committee**

# agenda Date 8 June 2011 Time 7.30 pm Place Committee Room 4 **Civic Suite** Rayleigh Contact The public are welcome to attend this meeting up to item 10 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

- 1 Apologies for Absence
- 2 Substitutes
- 3 Non-Members attending
- 4 Minutes of the Meeting held on 12 April 2011
- 5 To Receive Declarations of Interest
- 6 Questions on Notice

#### 7 Motions on Notice

#### 8 External Audit Fees 2011/12

8.1 – 8.6

To consider the report of the Head of Finance presenting the proposed external fees for 2011/12.

#### 9 Future of Local Public Audit

9.1 - 9.14

To consider the report of the Head of Finance setting out a proposed response to the Communities and Local Government's consultation on the new audit framework.

#### 10 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.

### 11 Annual Governance Statement 2010/11

To consider the exempt report of the Head of Finance providing details of the Annual Governance Statement for 2010/11.

# 12 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