General Purposes & Audit Committee Agenda



To: Councillor Stephen Mann (Chair)
Councillor Joy Prince (Vice-Chair)
Councillors Clive Fraser, Jerry Fitzpatrick, Patsy Cummings, Mary Croos,
Jan Buttinger, Oni Oviri, Ian Parker, Steve Hollands and Muffaddal Kapasi

Reserve Members: Maddie Henson, Toni Letts, Pat Clouder, Jamie Audsley, David Wood, Sherwan Chowdhury, Jason Cummings, Badsha Quadir, Stuart Millson and Simon Brew

A meeting of the **General Purposes & Audit Committee** which you are hereby summoned to attend, will be held on **Wednesday**, 18 July 2018 at 6.30pm in **Council Chamber**, Town Hall, Katharine Street, CR0 1NX

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Members of the public are welcome to attend this meeting. If you require any assistance, please contact the person detailed above, on the right-hand side.

N.B. This meeting will be paperless. The agenda can be accessed online at www.croydon.gov.uk/meetings



AGENDA - PART A

1. Apologies for Absence

To receive any apologies for absence from any members of the Committee.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting (Pages 5 - 16)

To approve the minutes of the meetings held on 15 March 2018, 26 March 2018 and 23 May 2018 as an accurate record.

3. Disclosure of Interests

In accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct and the statutory provisions of the Localism Act, Members and co-opted Members of the Council are reminded that it is a requirement to register disclosable pecuniary interests (DPIs) and gifts and hospitality to the value of which exceeds £50 or multiple gifts and/or instances of hospitality with a cumulative value of £50 or more when received from a single donor within a rolling twelve month period. In addition, Members and co-opted Members are reminded that unless their disclosable pecuniary interest is registered on the register of interests or is the subject of a pending notification to the Monitoring Officer, they are required to disclose those disclosable pecuniary interests at the meeting. This should be done by completing the Disclosure of Interest form and handing it to the Democratic Services representative at the start of the meeting. The Chair will then invite Members to make their disclosure orally at the commencement of Agenda item 3. Completed disclosure forms will be provided to the Monitoring Officer for inclusion on the Register of Members' Interests.

4. Urgent Business (if any)

To receive notice of any business not on the agenda which in the opinion of the Chair, by reason of special circumstances, be considered as a matter of urgency.

5. Local Government & Social Care Ombudsman (Pages 17 - 24)

The report of the Local Government & Social Care Ombudsman is attached.

6. Audit Report for Brick By Brick Croydon LTD 2017 Accounts [Report to Follow]

7. Financial Performance Report for 2017-18 (Pages 25 - 64)

The report on the progress on the delivery of the Council's Financial Strategy.

8. Audit Finding Reports

[Report to Follow]

9. Head of Internal Audit Annual Report 2017/18 (Pages 65 - 100)

The report details work completed by Internal Audit in 2017/18 and the overall levels of assurance for the Council's internal control environment to support the Annual Governance Statement.

10. Internal Audit Review of Effectiveness 2017/18 (Pages 101 - 108)

The report details the Executive Director Resources (Section 151 Officer)'s review of the effectiveness of the Council's internal audit.

11. Anti-Fraud Update Report: 1 April 2017 - 31 March 2018 (Pages 109 - 116)

The report of the Council's Corporate Anti-Fraud Team performance and developments during April 2017 to March 2018.

12. Annual Governance Statement 2017/18 (Pages 117 - 140)

The report of the Annual Governance Statement of 2017/18 is attached.

13. GPAC Independent Non-voting Member Recruitment (Pages 141 - 144)

This report summarises the proposed process in relation to the appointment of an independent non-voting co-opted Member on the General Purposes and Audit Committee.

14. Exclusion of Public and Press

The following motion is to be moved and seconded where it is proposed to exclude the press and public from the remainder of a meeting:

"That, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information falling within those paragraphs indicated in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended."