

# Swindon Borough Council

## Audit Committee

**Tuesday, 27 January 2009**

Committee Room 2, Civic Offices, Swindon  
(Anticipated meeting room)

**At 5.30 p.m.**

### **Conservative Councillors**

Michael Dickinson  
(Chair)  
Mary Martin  
Eric Shaw  
Peter Stoddart  
Keith Williams

### **Labour Councillors**

Des Moffatt (Vice-  
Chair)  
Steve Allsopp

### **Liberal Democrat Councillors**

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## **AGENDA**

### **PART 1 (PUBLIC ITEMS)**

**1. Apologies for Absence**

**2. Member Training - Local Authority Finance**

*(This training session will be concerned with the accounts reporting framework and is intended to give members an understanding of the Council's financial statements and the financial standards framework.)*

**3. Declarations of Interest**

Members are requested at the start of the meeting to declare any known interests in any matter to be considered, and are reminded that any such interest should also be declared at the start of an item or during any discussion of the matter concerned.

**4. Public Question Time**

See explanatory note below. Please phone the Committee Officer whose name and number appears at the top of this agenda if you need further guidance).

**5. Minutes (Pages 1 - 4)**

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> November 2008

**6. Exempt Items - Exclusion of Press and Public**

*Certain items are expected to include the consideration of exempt information and the Cabinet is, therefore, recommended to resolve "That, in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded during the discussion of the matters referred to in the items listed below, on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information, as defined in the respective paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, and the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information".*

<u>Item No.</u>	<u>Paragraph No.</u>
<b>11, 12 and 13</b>	<b>7</b>

**7. Review of the Internal Audit Strategy and Terms of Reference (HIA-CE)**  
(Pages 5 - 28)

**8. Audit Committee: Effectiveness of the system of Internal Audit (Update)**  
(HIA-CE) (Pages 29 - 38)

**9. Anti-Fraud & Corruption Strategy and Whistleblowing Procedure (HIA-CE)**  
(Pages 39 - 74)

**10. CIPFA Benchmarking exercise of Internal Audit: 2009 (HIA-CE)** (Pages 75 - 98)

**PART 2 (TO BE CONSIDERED WITHOUT THE PRESS AND PUBLIC PRESENT)**

**11. Internal Audit reports identifying significant risk or 'of concern' (HIA-CE)**  
(Pages 99 - 122)

**12. Internal Audit reports identifying significant risk or 'of concern' - Government Connect (HIA-CE)** (Pages 123 - 134)

**13. Head of Internal Audit Update** (Pages 135 - 148)

**Date of Despatch:** 10 February 2009

**Key:**

CE	-	Chief Executive
GDC	-	Group Director: Children
GDHSC	-	Group Director: Housing & Social Care
GDER	-	Group Director: Environment & Regeneration
GDBT	-	Group Director: Business Transformation
DF - B	-	Director of Finance
HIA-CE	-	Head of Internal Audit

**Public Question Time** - Swindon Borough Council is committed to increasing its accountability to the public and to promoting active citizenship. Up to 15 minutes will be allowed at the start of all Council meetings for questions to the Chair from members of the public about the work of the Committee (except for confidential matters and specific planning applications). Questions must be relevant, clear and concise. Because of time constraints Public Question Time is not an opportunity to

*make speeches or statements. Prior notice of a question to the Director of Law and Democratic Services is desirable - particularly if detailed background information is needed.*

**Access Arrangements** – *The Venue is wheelchair accessible and an infrared receiver hearing system is provided. If you would wish to attend the meeting but have any special requirement to enable you to do so please contact the Committee Clerk above, as soon as possible prior to the date of the meeting.*

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### **The Audit Committee - Terms of Reference**

*(the complete terms of reference and programme of activity for the Audit Committee are set out in Minute 61 of the meeting of the Audit Sub-Committee held on 25 January 2006)*

To provide independent assurance to the Council on the following responsibilities:

- (i) the effectiveness of the Council's risk management, internal control and its overall assurance framework;
- (ii) the effectiveness of the Council's financial and non-financial performance to the extent that it might impact upon (i) above;
- (iii) the performance of the Council's Internal Audit section;
- (iv) the receipt and review of External Audit reports and liaison with external auditors on significant matters identified, and
- (v) advise upon and/or review the effectiveness of any other matters referred to the Audit Committee by the Cabinet, the Overview and Scrutiny and Regulatory Committees.