

Blackpool Council

18 November 2014

To: Councillors Callow, I Coleman, Galley, Hunter, O'Hara, Smith and L Taylor

The above members are requested to attend the:

FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

Thursday, 27 November 2014 at 6.00 pm
in Committee Room A, Town Hall, Blackpool FY1 1GB

A G E N D A

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are asked to declare any interests in the items under consideration and in doing so state:

- (1) the type of interest concerned; and
- (2) the nature of the interest concerned

If any member requires advice on declarations of interests, they are advised to contact the Head of Democratic Governance in advance of the meeting.

2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 18TH SEPTEMBER 2014 (Pages 1 - 6)

To agree the minutes of the last meeting held on 18th September 2014 as a true and correct record.

3 STRATEGIC RISK REGISTER - MAJOR PROJECTS (Pages 7 - 12)

To consider a progress report on the individual risks identified in the Council's Strategic Risk Register.

4 STRATEGIC RISK REGISTER - PUBLIC SERVICES NETWORK (Pages 13 - 18)

To consider a progress report on the individual risks identified in the Council's Strategic Risk Register.

5 ANNUAL AUDIT LETTER 2013/14 (Pages 19 - 30)

To consider the Annual Audit Letter 2013/14.

6 AUDIT COMMISSION - PROTECTING THE PUBLIC PURSE 2014 (Pages 31 - 42)

To provide a summary of the key information identified in the Audit Commission's recent Protecting the Public Purse (2014) publication.

7 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE MONITORING AS AT MONTH 5 2014/2015 (Pages 43 - 46)

The level of spending against the Council's Revenue and Capital budgets for the first 5 months to August 2014.

8 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE MONITORING AS AT PERIOD 6 2014/2015 (Pages 47 - 50)

The level of spending against the Council's Revenue and Capital budgets for the first 6 months to September 2014.

9 TREASURY MANAGEMENT HALF-YEARLY PROGRESS REPORT TO THE 30TH SEPTEMBER 2014 (Pages 51 - 74)

To consider a report relating to Treasury Management activities for the six months to 30th September 2014.

10 RISK SERVICES QUARTER 2 REPORT (Pages 75 - 98)

To consider a quarterly summary of work undertaken by Risk Services.

11 INTERNAL AUDIT BENCHMARKING (Pages 99 - 106)

To consider the key findings from the recent Chartered Institute of Public Finance (CIPFA) benchmarking exercise relating to the internal audit service.

12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To note the date of the next meeting as Thursday 29th January 2015 at 6.00pm in Committee Room A at the Town Hall and the proposed items as:

- Financial Performance Monitoring Report
- Strategic Risk Register – Retention of staff of the right calibre and maintain morale
- Annual Audit Fee Letter 2013/14

Venue information:

First floor meeting room (lift available), accessible toilets (ground floor), no-smoking building.

Other information:

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