Meeting of: Audit & Accounts Committee



Time: 6.30pm Date 14<sup>th</sup> March 2017

Venue: Council Chamber, The Business Centre, Futures Park, Bacup, OL13 0BB



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ITEM		Lead Member/Contact Officer
A.	BUSINESS MATTERS	
A1.	Apologies for Absence	Joanna Griffin, Committee and Member Services Officer Tel: 01706 252426 Email: joannagriffin@rossendalebc.gov.uk
A2.	To approve and sign as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2016.	
A3.	Urgent Items of Business To note any items which the Chair has agreed to add to the Agenda on the grounds of urgency.	
A4.	Declarations of Interest  Members are advised to contact the Monitoring  Officer in advance of the meeting to seek advice on interest issues if necessary.	
	Members are requested to indicate at this stage, any items on the agenda in which they intend to declare an interest. Members are reminded that, in accordance with the Local Government Act 2000 and the Council's Code of Conduct, they must declare the nature of any personal interest and, if the interest is prejudicial, withdraw from the meeting during consideration of the item.	
B.	COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT	
B1.	Public Question Time This is an opportunity to ask a question about a matter which the Council may be able to assist with. A time limit of 3 minutes applies for each question and you are only able to address the meeting once.  Please begin by giving your name and state whether you are speaking as an individual member of the public or as a representative of a group.	Joanna Griffin, Committee and Member Services Officer Tel: 01706 252426 Email: joannagriffin@rossendalebc.gov.uk

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	(Question time normally lasts up to 30 minutes).	
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C.	Chair's Update To receive communications from the Chair	Councillor Aldred
D.	ORDINARY BUSINESS	
D1.	Rossendale Borough Council Improvement Plan  – Update	Councillor Marriott/Phil Seddon Head of Finance and Property Services, 01706 252465, philseddon@rossendalebc.gov.uk
D2.	Quarter 3 Risk Report	Councillor Marriott/Phil Seddon Head of Finance and Property Services, 01706 252465, philseddon@rossendalebc.gov.uk
D3.	Internal Audit annual plan 2017/18	Councillor Marriott/Ruth Lowry, Lancashire County Council, ruth.lowry@lancashire.gov.uk
D4.	Internal Audit Progress Report	Councillor Marriott/ Ruth Lowry, Lancashire County Council, ruth.lowry@lancashire.gov.uk
D5.	External Audit Progress Report	Councillor Marriott/Heather Green (Grant Thornton), heather.green@uk.gt.com
E.	EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS To consider passing the appropriate resolution under Section 100 (A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business since it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information under Paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 12A of the Act.	
E1.	Standards Complaints Update (verbal)	Councillor Oakes/Councillor Aldred
E2.	Whistleblowing update (verbal)	Councillor Marriott/Councillor Aldred

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Stuart Sugarman Chief Executive

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