

Meeting of: Audit & Accounts Committee

Time: 6.30pm Date 1st December, 2015

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



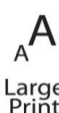
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ITEM		Lead Member/Contact Officer
A.	BUSINESS MATTERS	
A1.	Apologies for Absence	
A2.	To approve and sign as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 29 th September, 2015	
A3.	Urgent Items of Business To note any items which the Chair has agreed to add to the Agenda on the grounds of urgency.	
A4.	Declarations of Interest <i>Members are advised to contact the Monitoring Officer in advance of the meeting to seek advice on interest issues if necessary.</i> 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.	Michelle Hargreaves, Committee and Member Services Officer. Tel: (01706) 252423 Email: michellehargreaves@rossendalebc.gov.uk
B.	COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT	
B1.	Public Question Time The chair has amended the public speaking procedure for this meeting. Members of the public will be able to ask questions after the report has been delivered on each item. Written questions can be submitted in advance of the meeting by contacting the Committee and Member Services Officer.	Michelle Hargreaves, Committee and Member Services Officer. Tel: (01706) 252423 Email: michellehargreaves@rossendalebc.gov.uk

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C.	Chair's Update To receive communications from the Chair	Councillor Knowles
D.	ORDINARY BUSINESS	
D1A.	Issues arising from the operation of the Homes and Communities Agency's Affordable Homes programme: 'Bringing Empty Homes Into Use'	Councillor Marriott/ Ruth Lowry, Lancashire Audit Service
D1B.	Management response to the Lancashire County Council Internal Audit report: "Bringing Empty Homes into Use"	Councillor Marriott/ Philip Seddon, Head of Finance
E	EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS	
E1.	Members may 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 the consideration of items D1A and D1B since it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information under Paragraphs 1, 2 3, 4 and 7 of Schedule 12A	
F1.	Audit and Accounts Committee Update	Councillor Marriott/ Karen Murray, Grant Thornton, Finance Director



Stuart Sugarman
Chief Executive

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