Meeting of: Audit & Accounts Committee



**Time:** 6.30pm **Date** 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2016

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



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| ITEM |  | Lead Member/Contact Officer  |
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| A.   | BUSINESS MATTERS   |  |
| A1.  | Apologies for Absence  |  |
| A2.  | To approve and sign as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 15 <sup>th</sup> March, 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. | Patricia Couch, Scrutiny Support Officer. Tel: (01706) 252426 Email: patriciacouch@rossendalebc.gov.uk       |
| 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.  (Question time normally lasts up to 30 minutes).  | Patricia Couch, Scrutiny Support<br>Officer. Tel: (01706) 252426 Email:<br>patriciacouch@rossendalebc.gov.uk |
| C.   | Chair's Update To receive communications from the Chair  | Councillor Aldred  |

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| D.   | ORDINARY BUSINESS                                 |                                       |
| D1.  | Internal Audit Charter                            | Councillor Marriott/Ruth Lowry        |
|      |   | Lancashire Audit Service              |
| D2.  | Internal Audit QAIP Programme                     | Councillor Marriott/ Ruth Lowry,      |
|      | L   | Lancashire Audit Service              |
| D3.  | Internal Audit Annual Report year ended 31st      | Councillor Marriott/Ruth Lowry,       |
|      | March 2016  | Lancashire Audit Service              |
| D4.  | Internal/External Audit Protocol                  | Councillor Marriott/Ruth Lowry,       |
|      |   | Lancashire Audit Service              |
| D5.  | External Audit Progress Report                    | Councillor Marriott/Heather Green,    |
|      |   | Grant Thornton                        |
| D6.  | External Audit 2016-17 Audit Fee Letter           | Councillor Marriott, Heather Green,   |
|      |   | Grant Thornton                        |
| D7.  | Rossendale Borough Council Improvement Plan       | Councillor Marriott/Phil Seddon, Head |
|      |   | of Finance and Property Services      |
| D8.  | Annual Governance Statement and Statement         | Councillor Marriott/ Janice Crawford, |
|      | of Accounts 2015/16 - DRAFT                       | Finance Manager                       |
| E1.  | 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.                          |                                       |
| E2.  | Standards Complaints Update (Verbal)              | Councillor Oakes/Councillor Aldred    |

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Stuart Sugarman Chief Executive

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