

Audit Governance and Improvement Review Committee

22 March 2007

Present at the Meeting:

Councillor M W Winstanley
(Chairman)
Councillor Mrs K Aldred
Councillor Mrs B Bourne
Councillor R J Derricutt
Councillor T W Halliwell
Councillor Ms P L Holland

Councillor J Miller
Councillor C Rigby
Councillor K V Williams
Mr Timothy Addison (Independent Member)
Mr William Anderton (Independent Member)
Mr Paul Connor (Independent Member)

80 Apologies for absence: Councillors C Sweeney and Mrs S Loudon.

81 Welcome to new Members: The Chairman welcomed the three new Independent Members to the Committee.

82 Minutes: The minutes of the meeting of this Committee held on 1 February 2007 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman subject to (minute 79 refers), the declaration of interest for Councillor K Williams amended to read 'work colleague' and not 'friend'.

83 Exclusion of the public - Section 100a Local Government Act 1972:

Resolved: The public is excluded from the meeting when the Committee discusses the following item for the reason set out below:-

Agenda item No.	Title of report	Minute No.	Description of exempt information by reference to the paragraph number in schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972
E1	Fees payable in association with the local elections, May 2007	92	1 (Information relating to any individual)

84 Dates and times of meetings 2007/08: The Committee received a report on the revised dates for this Committee for the next municipal cycle that assisted with planning the business of the Committee.

Members asked questions to which the Director of Finance and Information Technology responded.

Resolved: The Committee accepts the report now submitted and recommends the Council to amend the dates and times of meetings for 2007/08 accordingly.

85 Internal audit strategic plans 2007/8 to 2009/10: The Committee received a report on internal audit strategic plans 2007/08 to 2009/10 seeking approval for the proposed strategy for Internal Audit coverage for the next 3 financial years. Members asked questions to which the Director of Finance and Information Technology responded.

Resolved: The Committee accepts the report now submitted.

86 Strategic risk register: The Committee received a report seeking Members contributions and approval for the Council's updated strategic risk register.

Members asked questions to which the Director of Finance and Information Technology responded.

Resolved: The Committee accepts the report now submitted.

87 CIPFA code of practice for internal audit - compliance review: The Committee received a report which demonstrated the extent of the Council's compliance with the CIPFA Code along with plans to address those areas where the service is not yet fully compliant.

Members asked questions to which the Director of Finance and Information Technology responded.

Resolved: The Committee accepts the report now submitted.

88 Corporate Plan performance report quarter three 2006/07: The Committee received a report which informed Members of the performance of the Chief Executive's department against its high level set of indicators and key tasks in the Corporate Plan at the end of the third quarter of 2006/07.

Members asked questions to which the Chief Executive responded.

Resolved: The Committee accepts the report now submitted.

89 Audit Commission – annual audit and inspection letter 2005/06: The Chairman agreed to this additional item being considered as urgent, the special circumstance being the need to obviate a delay.

The Committee received a report that summarised the results of the work of the Audit Commission in relation to their 2005/06 audit and their 2006 inspection work.

Members asked questions to which the Director of Finance and Information Technology responded.

Resolved: The Committee accepts the report now submitted.

(Councillor C Rigby declared a personal and non-prejudicial interest in this item because of his daughter's employment with Wigan Leisure and Culture Trust.)

90 Audit Commission - data quality audit: The Chairman agreed to this additional item being considered as urgent, the special circumstance being the need to obviate any delay.

The Committee received a report that informed Members of the Audit Commission's data quality report that summarised the work of the auditors in relation to their 2005/06 audit and their 2006 inspection work outlining those areas where problems were identified.

Members asked questions to which the Director of Finance and Information Technology responded.

Resolved: The Committee accepts the report now submitted.

(Councillor C Rigby declared a personal and non-prejudicial interest in this item because of his daughter's employment with Wigan Leisure and Culture Trust.)

91 Audit Commission – Greater Manchester cross cutting work: The Chairman agreed to this additional item being considered as urgent, the special circumstance being the need to obviate any delay.

The Committee received a report that informed Members of the Greater Manchester cross cutting work being performed by the Audit Commission, explaining how this links to supporting the Council's objectives.

Members asked questions to which the Director of Finance and Information Technology responded.

Resolved: The Committee accepts the report now submitted.

(Councillor C Rigby declared a personal and non-prejudicial interest in this item because of his daughter's employment with Wigan Leisure and Culture Trust.)

92 Fees payable in association with the local elections, May 2007: The Committee received a report that informed Members of the levels of fees to be paid to staff employed in the local elections in May 2007.

Members asked questions to which the Chief Executive responded.

Resolved: The Committee accepts the report now submitted.

93 Vote of thanks: Agreed: The best thanks of this Committee are extended to the Chairman, Cabinet Member and Officers for the excellent services rendered by them during the past municipal year.

Chairman