

NOTICE OF MEETING

GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE

THURSDAY 27 SEPTEMBER 2012 AT 2 PM

CONFERENCE ROOM A, 2ND FLOOR, CIVIC OFFICES, PORTSMOUTH

Telephone enquiries to Vicki Plytas, Customer, Community & Democratic Services on
023 9283 4058

Email: Vicki.plytas@portsmouthcc.gov.uk

Membership

Councillor Terry Hall (Chair)
Councillor David Fuller (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Michael Andrewes
Councillor Phil Smith
Councillor Donna Jones
Councillor Neill Young

Standing Deputies

Councillor Peter Eddis
Councillor Les Stevens
Councillor Sandra Stockdale
Councillor Simon Boshier
Councillor Alistair Thompson
Vacancy

(NB This Agenda should be retained for future reference with the minutes of this meeting.)

Please note that the agenda, minutes and non-exempt reports are available to view online on the Portsmouth City Council website: www.portsmouth.gov.uk

Deputations by members of the public may be made on any item where a decision is going to be taken. The request should be made in writing to the contact officer (above) by 12 noon of the working day before the meeting, and must include the purpose of the deputation (for example, for or against the recommendations). Email requests are accepted.

AGENDA

- 1 Apologies for Absence
- 2 Declarations of Members' Interests
- 3 Minutes of the Standards Committee Meeting – 16 July 2012
...
RECOMMENDED that the minutes of the last Standards Committee meeting held on 16 July 2012 be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.
- 4 Minutes of the meeting of Governance & Audit Committee held on 28 June 2012
...
RECOMMENDED that the minutes of the meeting held on 28 June 2012 be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record
- 5 Updates on actions identified in the minutes
- 6 Update report from the District Auditor
...
The purpose of the paper is to provide the committee with the district Auditor's external audit update report as at September 2012.
RECOMMENDED that the update from the District Auditor be received and that the Chief Executive be requested to take any action required.
- 7 Annual District Auditor's Governance Report 2011/12
(to follow)
Chair to sign the Letter of Representation.
- 8 Statement of Accounts 2011/12
(to follow)
Draft financial statements presentation attached.

- 9 Audit Performance Status Report to 24 August for Audit Plan 2012/13**
... The purpose of this item is to update the Committee on the Internal Audit Performance for 2012/13 to 24 August 2012 against the Annual Audit Plan, highlight areas of concern and areas where assurance can be given on the internal control framework.

RECOMMENDED

- (1) that Members note the Audit Performance for 2012/13 to 24 August 2012**
(2) that the highlighted areas of control weakness for the 2012/13 Audit Plan are noted by Members

- 10 RIPA (Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act)**
... The purpose of the report is to advise members of a change in legislation regarding RIPA authorisation and usage and to seek approval to update the RIPA Policy to reflect the legislative changes.

RECOMMENDED that the Committee:

- (1) Note the current legal situation with regard to the Protection of Freedoms Bill and it's impact on RIPA authorisations**
(2) Approve the update to the Policy

- 11 Treasury Management Monitoring Report for the First Quarter of 2012/13**
... The purpose of the report in Appendix A is to inform members and the wider community of the Council's Treasury Management position at 30 June 2012 and of the risks attached to that position.

RECOMMENDED that the treasury management indicators for the first quarter of 2012/13 set out in paragraph 4 of the report be noted.

- 12 Treasury Management Outturn 2011/12.**
... The purpose of the paper is to report on
- The outturn Prudential Indicators for 2011/12
 - The Treasury Management decisions taken over the course of 2011/12

RECOMMENDED that the recommendations set out in paragraph 4 of the report relating to Appendices A and B be approved.

- 13 Update on the equalities legislation and the Council's compliance with the Equality Impact Assessment process**
... The purpose of the report is to update the Governance and Audit and Standards Committee on the compliance of council services with the Equality Duty and the Equality Impact Assessment process since the last report dated 28th June 2012 and on the age discrimination ban in the provision of services and performance of public functions.

RECOMMENDED that the Committee

- (1) notes the contents of the report;**
(2) continues to monitor the compliance of the Council services with the Equality Duty and the Equality Impact Assessment process adopted by the Council, on a quarterly basis.

(3) That the City Solicitor continues to report on such compliance to the Committee on a quarterly basis.

14 Corporate Performance in the Transforming Organisation, Quarter 1, 2012/13

...

The purpose of the report is to highlight issues of corporate performance emerging from the corporate performance framework in Portsmouth City Council and to update the Committee on progress with issues previously reported

RECOMMENDED that the Committee is asked to note and comment on the report.

15 School Transport & Student Awards Appeal Committee – Appointments 2012/13

The purpose of this item is to confirm the appointment of three members and three standing deputies to serve on the School Transport & Student Awards Appeal Committee for the 2012/13 municipal year.

One of the responsibilities of the Governance & Audit & Standards Committee is to deal with school transport appeals, and a panel of three members is appointed annually for this purpose. The panel considers appeals regarding the payment of school transport costs and meets as and when required. The members whose appointments for the 2011/12 municipal year are to be confirmed by the committee are Councillors Terry Hall, Phil Smith and Neill Young. The standing deputies whose appointments are to be confirmed are Councillors Michael Andrewes, David Fuller and Donna Jones.

RECOMMENDED that the appointment of Councillors Hall, Smith and Young be confirmed by the Governance & Audit & Standards Committee to serve on the School Transport & Student Awards Appeal Panel for the 2012/13 municipal year, with Councillors Andrewes, Fuller and Jones being appointed as standing deputies.

VJP
ga20122709a