



Tuesday, 20 March 2012

## **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

A meeting of **Audit Committee** will be held on

**Wednesday, 28 March 2012**

commencing at **2.00 pm**

The meeting will be held in the Meadfoot Room, Town Hall, Castle Circus,  
Torquay, TQ1 3DR

### **Members of the Committee**

Councillor Hill (Chairman)

Councillor Addis

Councillor Stringer (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Bent

Councillor Brooksbank

Councillor Pentney

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# AUDIT COMMITTEE AGENDA

1. **Apologies**  
To receive any apologies for absence, including notifications of any changes to the membership of the Committee.
  
2. **Minutes** (Pages 1 - 4)  
To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Audit Committee held on 18 January 2012 and adjourned meeting on 25 January 2012.
  
3. **Declarations of interests**
  - (a) To receive declarations of personal interests in respect of items on this agenda  
**For reference:** Having declared their personal interest members and officers may remain in the meeting and speak (and, in the case of Members, vote on the matter in question). If the Member's interest only arises because they have been appointed to an outside body by the Council (or if the interest is as a member of another public body) then the interest need only be declared if the Member wishes to speak and/or vote on the matter. A completed disclosure of interests form should be returned to the Clerk before the conclusion of the meeting.
  
  - (b) To receive declarations of personal prejudicial interests in respect of items on this agenda  
**(Please Note:** If Members and Officers wish to seek advice on any potential interests they may have, they should contact Democratic Services or Legal Services prior to the meeting. Definitions and procedures in relation to interests are set out at the start of the agenda.)
  
4. **Urgent Items**  
To consider any other items that the Chairman decides are urgent.
  
5. **Audit Committee Update** (Pages 5 - 20)  
To consider a report which provides the Audit Committee with a report on progress in delivering our responsibilities as your external auditors.
  
6. **Audit Plan** (Pages 21 - 41)  
To consider a report which sets out the work for the 2011/12 audit. The plan is based on the Audit Commission's risk-based approach to audit planning.
  
7. **Certification Claims** (Pages 42 - 52)  
To consider a report on how local authorities claim large sums of public money in grants and subsidies from central government and other grant-paying bodies and are required to complete returns providing financial information to government departments.

8. **Good Governance Review Autumn 2011** (Pages 53 - 62)  
To consider a report to inform members and the public of the actions resulting from a review of the Council's Governance arrangements. The resulting action plan will contribute to ensuring the Council's governance arrangements are robust, is part of assurance and the production of the Annual Governance Statement.
9. **Covering Report to Audit Committee** (Pages 63 - 76)  
To consider a report on the above.
10. **Future of Public Audit Report to Audit Committee** (Pages 77 - 82)  
To consider a report on the Future of Public Audit.
11. **Exclusion of the Press and Public**  
To consider passing a resolution to exclude the press and public from the meeting prior to consideration of the following item on the agenda on the grounds that exempt information (as defined in Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended)) is likely to be disclosed.
12. **Scale of Fraud & Corruption affecting Torbay Council** (Pages 83 - 100)  
To consider an exempt report on the above.