



Tuesday, 11 December 2012

AUDIT COMMITTEE

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

Wednesday, 19 December 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 Bent

Councillor Brooksbank

Councillor Stocks

Councillor Pountney (Vice-Chair)

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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 - 2)
To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Audit Committee held on 19 September 2012.

3. **Declarations of interests**
 - (a) To receive declarations of non pecuniary interests in respect of items on this agenda
For reference: Having declared their non pecuniary interest members may remain in the meeting and speak and, vote on the matter in question. A completed disclosure of interests form should be returned to the Clerk before the conclusion of the meeting.

 - (b) To receive declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of items on this agenda
For reference: Where a Member has a disclosable pecuniary interest he/she must leave the meeting during consideration of the item. However, the Member may remain in the meeting to make representations, answer questions or give evidence if the public have a right to do so, but having done so the Member must then immediately leave the meeting, may not vote and must not improperly seek to influence the outcome of the matter. A completed disclosure of interests form should be returned to the Clerk before the conclusion of the meeting.

(**Please Note:** If Members and Officers wish to seek advice on any potential interests they may have, they should contact Governance Support or Legal Services prior to the meeting.)

4. **Urgent Items**
To consider any other items that the Chairman decides are urgent.

5. **Torbay Council Audit Fees 2012/2013** (Pages 3 - 8)
To advise members that the Audit Commission has set Grant Thornton a proposed work programme and scale of fees for 2012/13.

6. **Torbay Council Certification Report 2011/12** (Pages 9 - 16)
To consider the above report.

7. **Interim Change to Torbay Council's Whistleblowing Policy** (Pages 17 - 30)
A report to inform the Audit Committee about an interim change and that a new, amended policy is expected to be put forward for approval at the Audit Committee meeting in March 2013.

8. **Treasury Management Strategy** To Follow
To consider a report on the above.
9. **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.
10. **Head of Internal Audit's Six Month Audit Progress Report 2012/13** (Pages 31 - 53)
To note a report which summarises the work undertaken by the Devon Audit Partnership, during the first six months of 2012/13 and reviews the performance and effectiveness of the Internal Audit Service.