

City of Durham

At a Meeting of the **AUDIT OVERVIEW COMMITTEE** held in the Gala Theatre, Durham, on Wednesday 28th March, 2007, at 5.30 p.m.

Present: Councillor Shaw (in the Chair)
and Councillors Dickie, Jackson, Leake, Syer and Walker.

Also Present: Councillor Hepplewhite.

586. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Kellett.

587. MINUTES

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 11th January, 2007, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

Report of Director of Strategic Resources.

588. PROGRESS REPORT FOR THE PERIOD 1st APRIL 2006 TO 28th FEBRUARY 2007

The Director of Strategic Resources submitted a comprehensive report that compared the actual work undertaken by Internal Audit with that planned for the period 1st April 2006 to 28th February, 2007.

Resolved: (i) That the contents of the Progress Report for the 1st April, 2006 to 28th February, 2007 be noted.

(ii) That the Audit Plan for 2007/2008 be approved.

Note: Councillor Leake entered the Meeting at 5.50 p.m.

Report of the Head of Financial Services

589. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND SORP 2006

The Head of Financial Services submitted a comprehensive report to bring to Members' attention the changes to the form and structure of the City Council's Annual Statement of Accounts, which would apply to the 2006/07 statements and beyond. The report also touched on issues relating to Statement of Accounts for 2007/08, with the overall aims of providing members with an appreciation of the reasoning behind the changes in advance of their consideration / scrutiny of the draft statements before submission to Council for formal approval and certification on 27th June 2007.

Resolved: That the changes contained within the report to the accounting format, structure and content in advance of receipt of the draft Statement of Accounts for 2006/07 be noted.

590. IN PRIVATE

Resolved: That pursuant to Section 100.A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the remainder of the Meeting during consideration of the item listed in Column 1 below, being a report of the Officer mentioned in Column 2 below on the grounds that if members of the public were present during discussion of this item there would be disclosure to them of exempt information (as defined in Section 100.I) of the description indicated in Column 3 below.

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
2005/2006 Audits Completed (excluding items already reported)	Director of Strategic Resources	Information relating to any individual (Para. 1).
2006/2007 Audits Completed (excluding items already reported)		Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual (Para. 2).
Special Investigations		Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) (Para. 3).
		Information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime (Para. 7).

Report of Director of Strategic Resources.

591. 2005/2006 AUDITS COMPLETED (EXCLUDING ITEMS ALREADY REPORTED)

The Director of Strategic Resources set out details of items Internal Audit had reviewed.

Resolved: That the report be noted.

592. 2006/2007 AUDITS COMPLETED (EXCLUDING ITEMS ALREADY REPORTED)

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Resolved: That the report be noted.

593. SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS

The Director of Strategic Resources and Head of Internal Audit reported upon one special investigation, which had been concluded.

Resolved: That the report be noted.

The Meeting terminated at 6.55 p.m.

Chairman