

THE DISTRICT COUNCIL OF CHESTER-LE-STREET

Report of the meeting of the Audit Committee held in Conference Room 3, Civic Centre, Chester-le-Street on Thursday 5 July 2007 at 2.00pm

Members Present: Councillors G Armstrong (Chairman), JM Proud and J Shiell.

Officers Present: J McConnell (Chief Internal Auditor) and C Turnbull (Democratic Services Officer).

13 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor R Harrison.

14 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 22 JUNE 2007

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the proceedings at the meeting of the Committee held 22 June 2007 copies of which had previously been circulated, be confirmed as being a correct record.”

The Chairman proceeded to sign the minutes.

15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS

There were no declarations of interest from Members.

16 AUDIT PLAN 2007/08

Consideration was given to a report from the Chief Internal Auditor that sought approval to the Internal Audit Plan for 2007/08 and to the allocation of internal audit resources.

The Chief Internal Auditor spoke to the report and advised that the Audit Plan formed the action plan for the delivery of the Audit Strategy and compared the resources available to the resources required to deliver the Strategy.

RESOLVED: “That the Internal Audit Plan for 2007/08 be approved.”

17 INTERNAL AUDIT WORK COMPLETED

Consideration was given to a report from the Chief Internal Auditor giving an update of the findings of Internal Audit work completed within the first quarter of the 2007/08 financial year. The report contained executive summaries of audits on Best Value Performance Indicators and Tenants Panel Accounts 2006/07.

Best Value Performance Indicators

The Chief Internal Auditor advised of the three tests against which the Indicators were assessed:

- Compliance
- Accuracy
- Data Quality

She advised there were no recommendations made following the audit.

Tenants Panel Accounts 2006/07

The Chief Internal Auditor advised that Internal Audit was commissioned to provide assurance on the accuracy and integrity of the accounts produced by the Tenants Panel for 2006/07 in respect of the funding held by them.

The Chief Internal Auditor advised of the key findings and that there were no recommendations made following the audit.

18 INTERNAL AUDIT PERFORMANCE

Consideration was given to a report from the Chief Internal Auditor on the activity and performance of Internal Audit during the first quarter of the 2007/08 financial year.

RESOLVED: "That the information contained in the report be noted."

The meeting terminated at 2.20pm