



## **Audit Committee**

**Date**        **Tuesday 20 May 2014**  
**Time**        **11.30 am**  
**Venue**       **Council Chamber, County Hall, Durham**

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### **Business**

#### **Part A**

**Items during which the Press and Public are welcome to attend.  
Members of the Public can ask questions with the Chairman's  
agreement.**

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the meeting held on 28 February 2014 (Pages 1 - 10)
3. Declarations of interest, if any
4. Counter Fraud and Corruption Strategy - Report of Corporate Director, Resources (Pages 11 - 26)
5. Confidential Report Code (Whistleblowing) - Report of the Corporate Director, Resources (Pages 27 - 48)
6. External Audit - Durham County Council Audit Strategy Memorandum Year Ended 31 March 2014 - Report of the External Auditor (Pages 49 - 66)
7. External Audit - Durham County Council Pension Fund Audit Strategy Memorandum Year Ended 31 March 2014 - Report of the External Auditor (Pages 67 - 84)
8. Consideration of 'Going Concern Status' for the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2014 - Report of the Corporate Director, Resources (Pages 85 - 104)
9. Strategic Risk Management Progress Report for the Quarter period January to March 2014 - Report of the Corporate Director, Resources (Pages 105 - 118)
10. Internal Audit Progress Report Quarter Ended 31 March 2014 - Report of the Chief Internal Auditor and Corporate Fraud Manager (Pages 119 - 146)

11. Such other business as in the opinion of the Chairman of the meeting is of sufficient urgency to warrant consideration
12. Any resolution relating to the exclusion of the public during the discussion of items containing exempt information

### **Part B**

#### **Items during which it is considered the meeting will not be open to the public (consideration of exempt or confidential information)**

13. Internal Audit Progress Report Quarter Ended 31 March 2014 - Report of the Chief Internal Auditor and Corporate Fraud Manager (Pages 147 - 156)
14. Overdue Audit Recommendations - Verbal Report of the Chief Internal Auditor and Corporate Fraud Manager
15. Protecting the Public Purse - Report of the External Auditor (Pages 157 - 172)
16. Such other business as in the opinion of the Chairman of the meeting is of sufficient urgency to warrant consideration

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12 May 2014

To: **The Members of the Audit Committee**

Councillor E Bell (Chairman)  
Councillor J Rowlandson (Vice-Chairman)

Councillors L Armstrong, C Carr, S Forster, J Hillary, O Temple,  
T Smith and W Stelling

**Co-opted Members:**

K Larkin-Bramley and T Hoban

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