Nottinghamshire County Council

# minutes

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| Meeting | AUDIT COMMITTEE |
| Date | 23 May 2012 (commencing at 2.00 pm) |

**membership**
Persons absent are marked with `A'

**COUNCILLORS**

Sheila Place (Chairman)
Mike Quigley MBE (Vice-Chairman)

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| | Chris Barnfather | | Eric Kerry |
| A | John Clarke | | Richard Jackson |
| | Mrs Kay Cutts | A | Ken Rigby |
| | Steve Garner | | |

**OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE**

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| David Forster | - | Policy, Planning and Corporate Services |
| John Bailey | ) | Environment and Resources Department |
| Nigel Stevenson | ) | |

**ALSO IN ATTENDANCE**

Councillor Reg Adair

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| Mike Norman | - | Audit Commission |
| Ian Sadd | - | Audit Commission |

## APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

It was noted that at full Council on 17 May 2012 Councillor Sheila Place was appointed Chairman and Councillor Mike Quigley as Vice –Chairman of the Audit Committee for the ensuing year.

## MEMBERSHIP

The membership of the Committee was noted as above.

## MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 14 March 2012, having been circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

## APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from:-

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| Councillor John Clarke | - | Other County Council Business |
| Councillor Ken Rigby | - | Other County Council Business |

## DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

None

## TERMS OF REFERENCE

**RESOLVED 2012/006**

That the report be noted.

## STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2011/12 – ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Mr Stevenson introduced the report and highlighted to members that there were two new requirements regarding the accounting policies, these are The Carbon Reduction Scheme and Heritage Assets.

**RESOLVED 2012/007**

That the changes to the Authority's accounting policies be approved.

## AUDIT COMMISSION – AUDIT PLANS 2011/12 PROGRESS REPORT

Mr Norman introduced the report and highlighted the area of significant risk being the introduction of the County Council's Business Management System this could lead to the delay in accounts' production.

**RESOLVED 2012/008**

That the External Auditor's progress on the Audit Plan for 2011/12 be noted.

## AUDIT COMMISSION – AUDIT FEES 2012/13

Mr Norman informed members that the Audit Fees for both the Council and Pensions Scheme had been reduced by 40%. He also informed Committee that the Audit Plan will be presented by KPMG in the future.

**RESOLVED 2012/009**

That the Audit Fee levels for 2012/13 be noted.

**INTERNAL AUDIT ANNUAL REPORT – 2011/12**

Mr Bailey introduced the report and informed members that over all the Council was operating adequately.

**RESOLVED 2012/010**

That the Internal Audit Report 2011/12 be noted.

**DRAFT ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2011/12**

**RESOLVED 2012/011**

That the Annual Governance Statement 2011/12 be endorsed

**INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN 2012/13**

**RESOLVED 2012/012**

That the report be noted.

The meeting closed at 2.25 pm.

**CHAIR**