Meeting AUDIT COMMITTEE

Date 11 September 2013 (commencing at 10.30am)

membership

Persons absent are marked with 'A'

COUNCILLORS

Keith Walker (Chairman) Sheila Place (Vice-Chairman)

Reg Adair Darrell Pulk
Joyce Bosnjak David Kirkham
John Clarke Ken Rigby
Chris Barnfather

Neil Bellamy - KPMG Ltd Richard Walton - " "

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Martin Gately) Policy, Planning and Corporate Services

John Bailey)
Nigel Stevenson) Environment and Resources Department

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 12 JUNE 2013

The minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 12 June 2013, having been circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

EXTERNAL AUDIT – ANNUAL GOVERNANCE REPORTS

Neil Bellamy of the External Auditors, KPMG, presented the External Auditor's annual Governance Report on the County Council and pension Fund, prior to these being forwarded to Full Council for approval on 26 September 2013.

Mr Bellamy explained that no issues in the course of the audit had been considered to be material. There was a presentational issue with a working paper, but this was not significant.

Comments were made by Members on the efficient way that audit queries are dealt with, the reduction in audit fees and the streamlined and focused approach to the work.

RESOLVED 2013/17

That the External Auditor's Annual Governance Reports on the County Council and Pension Fund accounts be noted:

- a) Note the matters raised in the report before the financial statements are resigned by the Section 151 Officer
- b) Note the Letter of Representation attached to this report

WORK PROGRAMME

RESOLVED: 2013/18

That the Committee's work programme be noted.

The meeting closed at 11.00 am

CHAIRMAN