WATFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

AUDIT COMMITTEE

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Committee Membership

Councillor D Scudder (Chair)
Councillor J Johnson (Vice-Chair)
Councillors Ahsan Khan, B Mauthoor and T Williams

Agenda

Part A - Open to the Public

1. Apologies for Absence/Committee Membership

2. Disclosure of Interests (if any)

3. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 16 March 2017 to be submitted and signed.

4. Freedom of Information Act Requests October 2016 to March 2017 (Pages 5 - 27)

Report of the Head of Democracy and Governance

This report provides details of the requests made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 between October 2016 and March 2017.

5. Fraud Annual Report (Pages 28 - 33)

Report of the Fraud Manager

This report informs members of the work of the Fraud Section for the financial year 2016/2017 and provides updates on progress and developments for the current financial year.

6. Shared Internal Audit Service - Progress Report against the 2017/18 Audit Plan (Pages 34 - 83)

Report of the Shared Internal Audit Service

This report provides an update on progress in delivering the 2017/18 Audit Plan.

7. Annual Governance Statement - Action plan update (Pages 84 - 86)

Report of the Head of Finance (Shared Services)

This report gives details of the progress in implementing the actions required resulting from the Annual Governance Statement.

8. Internal Audit Annual Report for 2016/17 (Pages 87 - 113)

Report of the Head of Finance (Shared Service) and Shared Internal Audit Service

This report gives details of the activities of Internal Audit during 2016/17 and provides an opinion on the adequacy and effectiveness of the Council's internal control environment.

9. Annual Governance Statement 2016/17 (Pages 114 - 147)

Report of the Head of Finance (Shared Services)

This report enables the Committee to agree the Annual Governance Statement (AGS) for inclusion in the Draft Statement of Accounts.

10. Treasury Management Annual Report 2016/17 (Pages 148 - 155)

Report of the Head of Finance (Shared Services)

This report presents the annual treasury management report and prudential indicators for 2016/17.

11. External Audit Progress Report (Pages 156 - 162)

Report of the council's external auditor, EY

12. Draft Annual Statement of Accounts 2016/17 (Pages 163 - 262)

Report of the Head of Finance (Shared Services)

This report allows the Committee to review the draft Statement of Accounts for 2016/17 in advance of official sign-off of the audited version at Audit Committee in September.

13. Committee Work Programme (Pages 263 - 266)

Report of the Head of Finance (Shared Services)

The committee is asked to review and make necessary changes to the work programme.