

## MEETING OF THE

# ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

Members: Councillors Nadeem Ahmed, M. Ammer, L. Davy, D. Lord, P. White and Mr D. Whatley and Mr M. Youlton

## TO BE HELD ON

## THURSDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2018

#### at 7.00 p.m.

### IN THE WILSON ROOM AT NELSON TOWN HALL

Members of the public may speak on any agenda item in which they have a direct interest. Petitions may also be presented.

You should try to make your request in writing or by telephone by 12 noon on the day of the **meeting.** If you are unable to do this, you must make your request prior to the commencement of the meeting.

For further information and to make a request to speak please contact **Joanne Eccles** on telephone 661654.



If you would like this information in a way which is better for you, please telephone us.



#### A G E N DA

#### 1. Declaration of Interests

Members are reminded of the legal requirements concerning the declaration of interests.

A Member must declare a disclosable pecuniary interest which he/she has in any item on the agenda. A Member with a disclosable pecuniary interest in any item may not participate in any discussion of the matter at the meeting and must not participate in any vote taken on the matter at the meeting.

In addition the Council's Standing Orders require a Member with a disclosable pecuniary interest to leave the room where the meeting is held while any discussion or voting takes place.

- 2. <u>Minutes</u>
- **Enc.** To approve, or otherwise, the Minutes of the meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2017.
- 3. External Audit Update from Grant Thornton
- **Enc.** To consider the attached report from the External Auditor.
- 4. <u>External Audit Grant Claim Certification 2016/17</u>
- Enc. To consider the attached report from the External Auditors on certification work for 2016/17.
- 5. Internal Audit Plan 2017/18 Progress Report
- **Enc.** To consider the attached report of the Audit Manager on progress against the Internal Audit Plan for 2017/18 as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017.
- 6. Internal Audit Benchmarking
- **Enc.** To consider the attached report of the Audit Manager on the outcome of a recent benchmarking exercise undertaken by the Lancashire District Audit Group of Internal Audit Units in Lancashire.
- 7. Internal Audit: Recommendations Database
- **Enc.** To consider the attached report of the Audit Manager that provides a summary of progress on the implementation of internal audit recommendations at 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018.
- 8. <u>Counter Fraud update</u>
- **Enc.** To consider the attached report of the Audit Manager on the Council's counter fraud arrangements.
- 9. External Audit Miscellaneous Matters
- **Enc.** The Financial Services Manager submits the attached report with an update on a number of matters linked to the Council's external audit arrangements.

#### 10. Treasury Management 2017/18 - Quarter 3 Monitoring Report

- **Enc.** To consider the attached report of the Financial Services Manager on the treasury management activities of the Council in the third quarter of 2017/18.
- 11. Corporate Governance and Risk Management Update
- **Enc.** To consider the attached report from the Financial Services Manager on Corporate Governance and developments relating to the Council's risk management arrangements.
- 12. <u>General Data Protection Regulation Update</u>
- **Enc.** To consider the attached report from the Financial Services Manager on the General Data Protection Regulation, that replaces the longstanding Data Protection Act in May 2018.