

A meeting of the **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PANEL** will be held in **CIVIC SUITE, PATHFINDER HOUSE, ST MARY'S STREET, HUNTINGDON, PE29 3TN** on **WEDNESDAY, 2 DECEMBER 2015** at **7:00 PM** and you are requested to attend for the transaction of the following business:-

**Contact
(01480)**

APOLOGIES

1. MINUTES (Pages 5 - 14)

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 16th September 2015.

**M Sage
388169**

2. MEMBERS' INTERESTS

To receive from Members declarations as to disclosable pecuniary and other interests in relation to any Agenda Item.

3. CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PANEL PROGRESS REPORT
(Pages 15 - 16)

To receive the Corporate Governance Panel Progress Report.

**M Sage
388169**

4. CORPORATE FRAUD WORKPLAN AND PROSECUTION POLICY
(Pages 17 - 32)

To consider a report on the Workplan for the Corporate Fraud Team following the transfer of Housing Benefit fraud investigations to the Department for Work and Pensions and the Council's revised Fraud Prosecution Policy.

**A Burns
388122**

5. OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL STRUCTURE: CHANGES TO THE CONSTITUTION (Pages 33 - 40)

To consider and recommend to Council changes to the Council's Constitution regarding the structure of the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Panels.

**D Buckridge
388065**

6. EXTERNAL AUDIT ANNUAL AUDIT LETTER 2014/15 (Pages 41 - 56)

To receive a report on the Annual Audit Letter 2014/15 issued by the External Auditor.

**C Mason
388157
R Maxwell
388117**

7. INTERNAL AUDIT SERVICE: INTERIM PROGRESS REPORT
(Pages 57 - 66)

To consider a report on the work completed by the Internal Audit Service during the period April to October 2015 and associated performance issues.

D Harwood
388115

8. IMPLEMENTATION OF AUDIT ACTIONS (Pages 67 - 72)

To consider a report providing performance information regarding the implementation of internal audit actions for the year ending 31st October 2015.

D Harwood
388115

9. WORK PROGRAMME AND TRAINING (Pages 73 - 76)

To consider a report regarding the Panel's Work Programme and to decide training the Panel would like in preparation for the next or future agendas.

D Harwood
388115

Dated this 24 day of November 2015



Head of Paid Service

Notes

1. Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

(1) *Members are required to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests and unless you have obtained dispensation, cannot discuss or vote on the matter at the meeting and must also leave the room whilst the matter is being debated or voted on.*

(2) *A Member has a disclosable pecuniary interest if it -*

(a) relates to you, or

(b) is an interest of -

(i) your spouse or civil partner; or

(ii) a person with whom you are living as husband and wife; or

(iii) a person with whom you are living as if you were civil partners

and you are aware that the other person has the interest.

(3) *Disclosable pecuniary interests includes -*

(a) any employment or profession carried out for profit or gain;

(b) any financial benefit received by the Member in respect of expenses incurred carrying out his or her duties as a Member (except from the Council);

(c) any current contracts with the Council;

(d) any beneficial interest in land/property within the Council's area;

(e) any licence for a month or longer to occupy land in the Council's area;

(f) any tenancy where the Council is landlord and the Member (or person in (2)(b) above) has a beneficial interest; or

(g) a beneficial interest (above the specified level) in the shares of any body which has a place of business or land in the Council's area.

Non-Statutory Disclosable Interests

- (4) *If a Member has a non-statutory disclosable interest then you are required to declare that interest, but may remain to discuss and vote providing you do not breach the overall Nolan principles.*
- (5) *A Member has a non-statutory disclosable interest where -*
- (a) a decision in relation to the business being considered might reasonably be regarded as affecting the well-being or financial standing of you or a member of your family or a person with whom you have a close association to a greater extent than it would affect the majority of the council tax payers, rate payers or inhabitants of the ward or electoral area for which you have been elected or otherwise of the authority's administrative area, or*
 - (b) it relates to or is likely to affect a disclosable pecuniary interest, but in respect of a member of your family (other than specified in (2)(b) above) or a person with whom you have a close association, or*
 - (c) it relates to or is likely to affect any body –*
 - (i) exercising functions of a public nature; or*
 - (ii) directed to charitable purposes; or*
 - (iii) one of whose principal purposes includes the influence of public opinion or policy (including any political party or trade union) of which you are a Member or in a position of control or management.*

and that interest is not a disclosable pecuniary interest.

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