
Corporate Governance Panel

Report of the meeting held on 30th June 2010

Matters for Information

1. FINAL ACCOUNTS 2009/10

The Panel has approved the draft Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2010, subject to a series of amendments circulated at the meeting and minor textual amendments.

Members' attention has been drawn specifically to a series of issues arising from the accounts, including variations relating to income, the treatment of capital, the collection fund and the pension fund.

Other matters that were discussed included the clawback of claims payments by the Council's previous insurers and the level of audit and inspection fees. The latter will be kept under close scrutiny in the light of changes to the external inspection regime.

2. EXTERNAL AUDIT – PROGRESS REPORT

The Panel has received a progress report from the Council's external auditors explaining the current situation with regard to the Use of Resources Assessment and the audit of the Financial Statement for 2009/10.

3. INTERNAL AUDIT SERVICE

Changes to the Internal Audit Terms of Reference and Strategy have been approved by the Panel.

The Panel also has approved the Internal Audit and Assurance Plan for the twelve months period commencing 1st August 2010.

4. ANTI-FRAUD AND CORRUPTION FRAMEWORK

The Panel has noted the outcome of a review of the Council's Anti-Fraud and Corruption Framework and endorsed the content of a revised Action Plan.

The Panel has approved changes to the Money Laundering Avoidance Policy which will be incorporated within the Anti-Fraud and Corruption Strategy.

5. COMPLAINTS

(a) Annual Complaints

An analysis of the Council's internal complaints and a summary of complaints involving the District Council which have been determined by the Local Government Ombudsman in 2009/10 has been received by the Panel.

(b) Local Government Ombudsman: Local Settlement of Complaint

The Panel has been apprised with details of a complaint against the Council by a member of the public and the terms of a compensatory payment negotiated by way of a local settlement.

T D Sanderson
Chairman