

**Members are reminded that they must declare all relevant pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests relating to any items of business to be discussed at this meeting**

**BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL**

**AUDIT COMMITTEE**

**TUESDAY, 31 JANUARY 2017 AT 14:00 HOURS**  
**IN COMMITTEE ROOM 6, COUNCIL HOUSE, VICTORIA SQUARE,**  
**BIRMINGHAM, B1 1BB**

**A G E N D A**

**1 NOTICE OF RECORDING/WEBCAST**

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**2 APOLOGIES**

To receive any apologies.

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**3 MINUTES - AUDIT COMMITTEE 22 NOVEMBER 2016 - PUBLIC**

To note the public part of the Minutes of the last meeting held on 22 November 2016.

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**4 THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT OMBUDSMAN'S ANNUAL REVIEW 2015/16**

Report of the Chief Executive.

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**5 EDUCATION AND THE ROLE OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY**

Report of the Executive Director for Education.

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**6 GRANT THORNTON - PROGRESS REPORT**

Report of the External Auditor

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**7 THE VALUE FOR MONEY PLAN FOR BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL**

Report of the External Auditor

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8 **GRANT THORNTON - CERTIFICATION OF CLAIMS AND RETURNS**

Report of the External Auditor

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9 **GROUP COMPANY GOVERNANCE - INFORMING THE AUDIT RISK ASSESSMENT**

Report of the Strategic Director - Finance & Legal

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10 **ANNUAL AUDIT LETTER YEAR ENDED 31/3/2016 - STATUTORY RECOMMENDATION**

To note that the City Council on 10 January 2017 accepted the statutory recommendation of Grant Thornton made under Section 24 of the Audit and Accountability Act 2014 and the responses and actions set out in Section 3 of the report.

11 **DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS 2017/18**

To approve a provisional schedule of dates for 2017/18.

RECOMMENDED:-

That approval be given to a provisional schedule of dates for 2017/18 for the Audit Committee on the following Tuesdays at 1400 hours in the Council House:-

2017	2018
20 June	30 January
25 July	27 March
5 September	
21 November	

12 **OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**

To consider any items of business by reason of special circumstances (to be specified) that in the opinion of the Chairman are matters of urgency.

13 **AUTHORITY TO CHAIRMAN AND OFFICERS**

Chairman to move:-

'In an urgent situation between meetings, the Chair jointly with the relevant Chief Officer has authority to act on behalf of the Committee'.

14 **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

That in view of the nature of the business to be transacted which includes exempt information of the category indicated the public be now excluded from the meeting:-

Minutes - Exempt Paragraphs 3 and 4

**PRIVATE AGENDA**

15 **MINUTES - AUDIT COMMITTEE 22 NOVEMBER 2016 - PRIVATE**

Item Description

16 **OTHER URGENT BUSINESS (EXEMPT INFORMATION)**

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