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| <i>COMMITTEE</i> | AUDIT SUB-COMMITTEE |
| <i>DATE</i> | 30 SEPTEMBER 2004 |
| <i>TITLE OF REPORT</i> | EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC |
| <i>RESPONSIBLE OFFICER</i> | Mark Bowen, Assistant Director Legal and Contract Services |

1. SUMMARY

- 1.1 To provide information on items that may be considered when the press and public are excluded.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 The committee is recommended to exclude the press and public for items 9 (Outcomes of Internal Audit activity) and 10 (Irregularity report) as the appendices contain sensitive information under paragraphs 12 and 14 of part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

3. Details

- 3.1 The following items will be considered once the press and public have been asked to leave the meeting.

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| Report Title | Outcomes of Internal Audit Activity |
| Agenda Item | 9 |
| Summary | The report and Annex A published with the agenda set out the background within which Internal Audit activity takes place. Annexes B, C and D provide detailed information on the outcome of Internal Audit activity. |
| Classification | Not for publication under paragraph 14 of part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. |

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| Report Title | Irregularity report |
| Agenda Item | 10 |
| Summary | The report published with the agenda sets out the background within which Internal Audit activity takes place. Annex A provides detailed information on a major irregularity investigation. |
| Classification | Not for publication under paragraphs 12 and 14 of part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. |

3.2 Paragraphs 1-15 of part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 permit the Council to restrict the circulation of information. The following paragraphs have been referred to for this meeting: -

| Definitions | |
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| 12. | Any instructions to counsel and any opinion of counsel (whether or not in connection with any proceedings), and any advice received, information obtained or action to be taken in connection with: (a) any legal proceedings by or against the authority; or (b) the determination of any matter affecting the authority whether, in either case, proceedings have been commenced or are in contemplation |
| 14. | Any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime |

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