AUDIT COMMITTEE

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EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

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1 Summary

1.1 To provide summary information for the following exempt appendices that may be considered if the press and public are excluded.

2 Details

2.1 If Members wish to discuss the following appendices they are recommended to pass a resolution requiring the press and public to leave the meeting.

Report Title	Outcomes of Audit activity
Agenda Item	5 (D)
Summary	The report details the outcome of recent Internal Audit activity.
Classification	Not for publication under paragraph 7 of part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as this report contains commercially sensitive information. It is considered the need to keep information exempt outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

2.2 Paragraphs 1-7 of part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 permit the Council to restrict the circulation of reports. The following paragraph has been referred to for this meeting:

Definition

7. Information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime.

Report Title Irregularity report

Agenda Item 5 (E)

Summary The report details the outcome of recent investigation.

Classification Not for publication under paragraphs 5 and 7 of part 1 of

> Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as this report contains commercially sensitive information. It is considered the need to keep information exempt outweighs the public interest in

disclosing the information.

2.2 Paragraphs 1-7 of part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 permit the Council to restrict the circulation of reports. The following paragraph has been referred to for this meeting:

Definition

- 5. Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.
- 7. Information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime.

3 Recommendation

If Members wish to discuss the appendices, the Committee is recommended 3.1 to exclude the press and public as they contain sensitive information under paragraph 5 and/or 7 of part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

4 **Background papers**

4.1 None.

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