

AUDIT COMMITTEE

15 APRIL 2008

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

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Summary

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

1. Details

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

Report Title	Audit Committee Minutes – 5 February 2008
Agenda Item	APPENDIX
Summary	The exempt appendix to the minutes identifies a number of issues for action, arising from the irregularity report submitted to the Audit Committee on 5 February 2008.
Classification	Not for publication under paragraphs 1 and 7 of part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as this appendix contains information relating to an individual and the prevention, investigation and prosecution of a crime. It is considered the need to keep information exempt outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

Report Title	Irregularity Report
Agenda Item	APPENDIX
Summary	This appendix provides details of the investigation undertaken and the action taken.
Classification	Not for publication under paragraphs 1, 4 and 7 of part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as this appendix contains information relating to an individual, labour relations and the prevention, investigation and prosecution of a crime. It is considered the need to keep information exempt outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

Report Title	Operation of the Housing Maintenance Contract
Agenda Item	5 (H)
Summary	A verbal update will be given at the meeting on the operation of the Housing Maintenance Contract.
Classification	Not for publication under paragraph 5 of part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as this will set out legally privileged information. It is considered the need to keep information exempt outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

- 1.2 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 paragraphs have been referred to for this meeting: -

Definition
1. Information relating to any individual
4. Information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matters arising between the authority and employees.
5. Information in respect of which a claim to legal privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.
7. Information relating to any action taken or about to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 If Members wish to discuss the appendices the Committee is recommended to exclude the press and public as it contains information under paragraphs 1, 4, 5 and 7 of part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

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Background Papers:

Audit Committee Minutes – 5 February 2008 (exempt appendix)
Irregularity Report – Audit Committee 15 April 2008 (exempt appendix)