



AUDIT COMMITTEE

MINUTES of the OPEN section meeting of the AUDIT COMMITTEE held on THURSDAY MARCH 29 2007 at 7.00PM at the Town Hall, Peckham Road, London SE5 8UB

PRESENT: Councillor James Gurling (Chair)
Councillors Lewis Robinson, Peter John and Richard Livingstone (Vice Chair)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor James Barber.

2. CONFIRMATION OF VOTING MEMBERS

The members listed as present were confirmed as the voting members.

3. NOTIFICATION OF ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIR DEEMS AS URGENT

The chair accepted the following item as late and urgent for the reasons set out in the report.

- Annual Audit and Inspection Letter 2005/06.

4. RECORDING OF MEMBERS' VOTES

Committee procedure rule 1.9 (4) allows a member to record her/his vote in respect of any motions and amendments. Such requests are detailed in the following minutes. Should a member's vote be recorded in respect to an amendment, a copy of the amendment may be found in the minute file and is available for public inspection.

The committee considered the items set out on the agenda, a copy of which has been incorporated in the minute file. Each of the following paragraphs relates to the item bearing the same number on the agenda.

5. INTRODUCTORY AWARENESS BRIEFING

Officers gave a presentation to the committee on the role and responsibilities of the committee.

Members asked questions of the officers, in particular whether this was the practice of all boroughs of the country.

RESOLVED: That the following be agreed.

- That audit committee will have meetings quarterly;
- On the need to provide training for members and officers to arrange a visit to a local council to observe its own practices;
- That a draft annual report be brought to committee for ratification before being presented to the council.

6. ANNUAL AUDIT AND INSPECTION LETTER 2005/06

The Chair accepted the following item as late and urgent for the reasons set out in paragraph 11 of the report.

The district auditor presented the inspection letter to the committee

Members asked the district auditor questions on certain aspects of the report.

RESOLVED: That the annual audit and inspection letter 2005/2006 be noted.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm.

CHAIR:

DATE: