

A MEETING of the AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE will be held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, NEWTOWN ST BOSWELLS on MONDAY, 18 JANUARY 2016 at 10.15 am.

As previously agreed, there will be a meeting of Members of the Committee at 9.30 a.m. prior to the main meeting.

J. J. WILKINSON,
Clerk to the Council,
11 January 2016

BUSINESS		
1.	Apologies for Absence	
2.	Order of Business	
3.	Declaration of Interest	
4.	Minute (Pages 1 - 8) Minute of Meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee held on 23 November 2015 to be approved and signed by the Chairman. (Copy attached.)	4 mins
5.	Risk Management in Services Presentation by Service Director Neighbourhood Services and Service Director Commercial Services on the strategic risks facing their respective Services and the internal controls and governance in place to manage / mitigate those risks to demonstrate how risk management is embedded within services. (Verbal presentation)	15 mins
6.	Treasury Management Strategy 2016/17 (Pages 9 - 52) Consider report by Chief Financial Officer on the Council's draft report and Treasury Management Strategy 2016/17 for review and scrutiny prior to presentation for Council approval. (Copy attached.)	30 mins
7.	External Audit Scottish Borders Council Audit Strategy and Plan Overview 2015/16 (Pages 53 - 80) Consider strategy and plan overview report by KPMG on how they will deliver their external audit for Scottish Borders Council for the year ended 31 March 2016. (Copy attached)	15 mins
8.	Internal Audit Work 2015/16 to December 2015 (Pages 81 - 96)	15 mins

	Consider a report by Chief Officer Audit & Risk on recent work carried out by Internal Audit, including the recommended audit actions agreed by Management to improve internal controls and governance arrangements, and internal audit work currently in progress. (Copy attached.)	
9.	Any Other Items Previously Circulated	
10.	Any Other Items which the Chairman Decides are Urgent	

NOTES

1. **Timings given above are only indicative and not intended to inhibit Members' discussions.**
2. **Members are reminded that, if they have a pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest in any item of business coming before the meeting, that interest should be declared prior to commencement of discussion on that item. Such declaration will be recorded in the Minute of the meeting.**

Membership of Committee:- Councillors M. Ballantyne (Chair), J. Campbell, I. Gillespie, A. J. Nicol, S. Scott and B White (Vice-Chairman). Mr P McGinley, Mr M Middlemiss and Mr H Walpole.

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