

A MEETING of the AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE will be held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, NEWTOWN ST BOSWELLS on MONDAY, 9 MAY 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,
29 April 2016

BUSINESS		
1.	Apologies for Absence.	
2.	Order of Business.	
3.	Declarations of Interest.	
4.	Minute (Pages 1 - 8) Minute of the meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee held on 29 March 2016 to be approved and signed by the Chairman. (Copy attached.)	5 mins
5.	Scottish Borders Council Local Scrutiny Plan 2016/17 (Pages 9 - 14) Consider the local scrutiny plan by Audit Scotland which sets out the planned scrutiny activity in Scottish Borders Council during 2016/17. The plan is based on a shared risk assessment undertaken by a local area network, comprising representatives of all of the main scrutiny bodies who engage with the Council. (Copy attached.)	20 mins
6.	Internal Audit Work 2015/16 to March 2016 (Pages 15 - 26) Consider a report by Chief Officer Audit and Risk on recent work carried out by Internal Audit to complete the delivery of the Internal Audit Annual Plan 2015/16, including the recommended audit actions agreed by Management to improve internal controls and governance arrangements. (Copy attached.)	15 mins
7.	Internal Audit Annual Report 2015/16 (Pages 27 - 40) Consider report by Chief Officer Audit & Risk on the annual assurance and audit opinion to Management and Audit and Risk Committee arising from Internal Audit activity in completing the Internal Audit Annual Plan 2015/16. (Copy attached.)	20 mins
8.	Scottish Borders Council Annual Governance Statement 2015/16	10 mins

	(Pages 41 - 48) Consider report and draft Annual Governance Statement 2015/16 by Chief Executive for inclusion in Scottish Borders Council Statement of Accounts 2015/16. (Copy attached.)	
9.	Pension Fund Annual Governance Statement 2015/16 (Pages 49 - 60) Consider report and draft Annual Governance Statement 2015/16 by Chief Financial Officer for inclusion in Pension Fund Annual Report and Accounts 2015/16. (Copy attached.)	10 mins
10.	Any Other Items Previously Circulated.	
11.	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, B White (Vice-Chairman). Mr P McGinley, Mr M Middlemiss and Mr H Walpole.

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