

A MEETING of the AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE will be held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, COUNCIL HEADQUARTERS, NEWTOWN ST BOSWELLS on TUESDAY, 28 JUNE 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,

22 June 2016

BUSINESS		
1.	Apologies for Absence.	
2.	Order of Business.	
3.	Declaration of Interest.	
4.	Minute. (Pages 1 - 6) Minute of meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee held on 9 May 2016 to be approved and signed by the Chairman (copy attached).	5 mins
5.	Risk Management in Services. Presentation by Service Director Children and Young People on the strategic risks facing the service 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.	Risk Management Annual Report 2015/16. (Pages 7 - 12) Consider report by Chief Officer Audit and Risk on progress made to deliver the Council's Risk Management Strategy including an update on improvement actions to refine the risk management arrangements at the Council to ensure their on-going effectiveness (copy attached).	15 mins
7.	Counter Fraud Annual Report 2015/16. (Pages 13 - 22) Consider report by Chief Officer Audit & Risk on the Council's counter fraud responsibilities and the progress made to deliver the Council's Counter Fraud Strategy 2015 including an update on improvement actions to refine the arrangements to tackling fraud at the Council (copy attached).	15 mins

8.	Audit and Risk Committee Annual Report 2015/16 and annual Self Evaluation. (Pages 23 - 40) Consider the Audit and Risk Committee Annual Report 2015/16 on their work for the year in fulfilling their remit based on their annual self-assessment (copies attached).	10 mins
9.	Financial Reporting & Scrutiny: Why the Accounts Matter. (Pages 41 - 46) Consider the report by Audit Scotland prepared for Local Government and published in February 2016, including appended Questions for elected members to consider as part of the accounts scrutiny and approval process (copy attached).	10 mins
10.	Scottish Borders Council Draft Reports and Accounts 2015/16. Consider various draft annual reports and accounts by Chief Financial Officer prior to their submission to the External Auditors (copies attached):	30 mins
	(a) Scottish Borders Council Draft Report and Accounts 2015/16 (Pages 47 - 162)	
	(b) Draft Common Good and Trust Annual Report and Accounts 2015/16 (Pages 163 - 284)	
	(c) Bridge Homes LLP (Pages 285 - 302)	
	(d) SB Cares Draft Annual Report and Accounts 2015/16 (Pages 303 - 344)	
11.	Pension Fund Annual Report and Accounts 2015/16. (Pages 345 - 408) Consider draft annual report and accounts of the Scottish Borders Council Pension Fund by Chief Financial Officer prior to their submission to the External Auditors (copies to follow).	10 mins
12.	Any Other Items Previously Circulated.	
13.	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).

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