



COMMITTEE: **BABERGH AUDIT**

VENUE: **Council Chamber, Council Offices, Corks Lane, Hadleigh**

DATE/TIME: **Tuesday 14 April 2015 at 9.30 a.m.**

Members

Dave Busby
James Cartlidge
Frank Lawrenson

Robert Lindsay
Brian Riley
Tony Roberts

David Rose
Len Young

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ITEM

BUSINESS

PART I

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1 **SUBSTITUTES AND APOLOGIES**

Any Member attending as an approved substitute to report giving his/her name and the name of the Member being substituted.

To receive apologies for absence.

2 **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Members to declare any interests as appropriate in respect of items to be considered at this meeting.

3 **MINUTES**

To confirm and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on [23 September 2014](#) (copy attached).

4 **PETITIONS**

The Head of Corporate Organisation to report, in accordance with Council Procedure Rules, the receipt of any petitions submitted to the Chief Executive.

5 **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS**

The Chairman to answer any questions on any matters in relation to which the Council has powers or duties which affect the District and which fall within the terms of reference of the Committee of which due notice has been given in accordance with Council Procedure Rules.

6 EXTERNAL AUDIT REPORTS

Paper
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- a) Grant Claims and Returns Certification for year ended 31 March 2014 - attached.

The Head of Corporate Resources to report that the external auditor's grant claims report for 2013/14 has been received and is attached for Member consideration.

Although issues have arisen mainly on the Housing Benefits claim, this is a very large and complex area, with the overall value of this claim being in excess of £20m and Members will note that the audit fees are less than the previous year. Details of amendments to claims in other areas are set out in the report.

Officers have continued to work very closely with the auditors in relation to the issues identified and the management responses have been provided to ensure a positive outcome on these for future claims.

Paper
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- b) Audit Plan 2014/15 from BDO - attached.

It should be noted that this is the final year that BDO will be carrying out external audit work for Babergh.

Paper
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- c) Audit Fee Letter 2015/16 from Ernst and Young - attached.

From 2015/16 the external audit work will be carried out by Ernst and Young LLP.

The Committee is asked to consider and note the above reports.

Zoe Thompson from BDO will be present at the meeting.

For further information on any of the Part 1 items listed above, please contact Karen Sayer on (01473) 826652 or via email at committee.services@babergh.gov.uk