JOINT INDEPENDENT AUDIT COMMITTEE
24 NOVEMBER 2015

SUBJECT	**AUDIT COMMITTEE GOVERNANCE**
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SUMMARY AND PURPOSE OF REPORT To review the terms of reference for the Joint Independent Audit Committee and the Member Code of Conduct.	
RECOMMENDATIONS	***That:*** ***1. the Terms of reference attached at Appendix A be reviewed;*** ***2. the Member Code of Conduct attached at Appendix B be reviewed.***

A. SUPPORTING INFORMATION

1. TERMS OF REFERENCE

1.1 The Joint Independent Audit Committee (JIAC) agreed their terms of reference on 29 November 2013. These were amended on 27 November 2014 to reflect the latest CIPFA guidance. The Committee agreed to review its terms of reference on an annual basis thereafter. A copy is attached at Appendix A.

2. CODE OF CONDUCT

2.1 Members of the JIAC voluntarily adopted a Code of Conduct on 27 November 2014. The Code is based on the seven principles of public life published by the Nolan Committee and prescribes a set of values, standards and behaviours to guide Member conduct. The Committee agreed to review the Code on an annual basis. A copy is attached at Appendix B.

B. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

None.

C. LEGAL AND HUMAN RIGHTS CONSIDERATIONS

None.

D. PERSONNEL, EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES AND DIVERSITY ISSUES (including any impact or issues relating to Children and Young People.)

None.

E. REVIEW ARRANGEMENTS

The Terms of Reference and Code of Conduct are reviewed on an annual basis.

F. RISK MANAGEMENT

None.

G. PUBLIC ACCESS TO INFORMATION

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