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**To: Councillors Sylvia Hobbs, Barbara Jenney, David Read, Robin Underwood, Alex Smith, Peter Wathen and Colin Wright.**

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Please ask for  
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Date:  
23 January 2015

Dear Councillor,

A meeting of the **Governance and Audit Committee** will be held in **the Council Chamber**, East Northamptonshire House, Cedar Drive, Thrapston, on **Monday 2 February 2015** at 7.30pm.

***A training session for members of the Committee on the Corporate Counter Fraud Strategy will take place immediately before the meeting, commencing at 7.00pm in the Council Chamber.***

#### **AGENDA**

*A period of not more than 15 minutes will be allowed to enable members of the public, who have notified their intention to speak, to address the meeting.*

- 1. Minutes of the meeting held on 3 December 2014 (attached)**  
*If you have any queries in respect of the accuracy of the minutes, please notify Paul Smith prior to the meeting.*
- 2. Apologies for absence**
- 3. Declarations of Interest**
- 4. Questions by Members under Council procedure rule 10.3 (if any).**

Members of the Committee have the right to ask the Chairman a question on any matter in relation to which the Council has powers or duties or which affects East Northamptonshire and which falls within the terms of reference of the Committee - provided that notice is given to the Chief Executive by 5pm on the working day preceding the meeting. The functions of the Committee are to be found in part 3 of the Council Constitution. A form for use by Members is available on the Council's intranet (Eunice). Alternatively please telephone Paul Smith or e-mail [psmith@east-northamptonshire.gov.uk](mailto:psmith@east-northamptonshire.gov.uk)

- 5. Welland Internal Audit Consortium – Internal Audit Plan & Performance Update 2014/15 (report of the Audit Manager – attached)**
- 6. Corporate Counter Fraud Strategy (report of the Executive Director and Monitoring Officer - attached)**

7. **Grant Certification 2013/14** (report of the Interim Finance Manager – **attached**)
8. **Consideration of a Change to the Procedure for the Assessment of Complaints Against Councillors** (report of the Monitoring Officer – **attached**)
9. **Implementation of Risk Management Strategy** – verbal update to be provided by the Chief Finance Officer

Yours sincerely

**DAVID OLIVER**  
Chief Executive

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