A briefing session for members of the Committee on the Draft Statement of Accounts will be held in the Council Chamber, commencing at 6.45pm

Dear Councillor,

A meeting of the Governance and Audit Committee will be held in the Council Chamber, East Northamptonshire House, Cedar Drive, Thrapston, on Wednesday 21 June 2017 at 7.30pm.

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. Apologies for absence

2. Minutes of the meeting held on 26 April 2017 (attached)

   If you have any queries in respect of the accuracy of the minutes, please notify Paul Smith prior to the meeting.

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

5. Draft Statement of Accounts 2016/17 (report of the Finance Manager – attached)
6. Draft Code of Corporate Governance (report of the Finance Manager – attached)

7. Changes to Part 5.4 of the Constitution (report of the Monitoring Officer – attached)


9. National Scheme for Appointment of External Auditors – Update (verbal update from the Finance Manager)

10. Progress on Implementation of Internal Audit Recommendations (report of the Finance Manager – attached)


12. To note a letter received from the Council’s External Auditors regarding audit fees (letter received from the External Auditor – attached)

13. Internal Audit – Annual Internal Audit Report and Opinion (report of the Head of Internal Audit – attached)


Yours sincerely

DAVID OLIVER
Chief Executive

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