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   20/09/12                      Mr J Jablonski              01384 815243

13<sup>th</sup> September, 2012

Dear Member

**Audit and Standards Committee – Thursday 20th September, 2012.**

You are requested to attend a meeting of the Audit and Standards Committee to be held on Thursday 20th September, 2012 at 6.00pm in Committee Room 3 at the Council House, Dudley to consider the business set out in the Agenda below.

The agenda and reports for this meeting can be viewed on the Council's internet site [www.dudley.gov.uk](http://www.dudley.gov.uk) and follow the links to Meetings and Decisions.

Yours sincerely



Director of Corporate Resources

**A G E N D A**

- 1            APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE  
  
            To receive apologies for absence from the meeting.
  
2.           APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUE MEMBERS  
  
            To report the appointment of any substitute members serving for this meeting of the Committee.
  
3.           DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST  
  
            To receive Declarations of Interest in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct.

4. MINUTES

To approve as a correct record and sign the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 3<sup>rd</sup> July, 2012 (copy attached).

5. AUDIT COMMISSION AUDIT AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE UPDATE (PAGES 1 - 16)

To consider a report of the Treasurer

6. AUDITOR'S ANNUAL GOVERNANCE REPORT (PAGES 17- 48)

To consider a report of the Treasurer

7. CODE OF CONDUCT FOR EMPLOYEES (PAGES 49 - 64)

To consider a report of the Director of Corporate Resources

8. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2011/12 (PAGES 65 - 68)

To consider a report of the Treasurer

9. TREASURY MANAGEMENT REPORT (PAGES 69 - 78 )

To consider a report of the Treasurer

10. FINANCIAL REGULATIONS (PAGES 79 - 157)

To consider a report of the Treasurer

11. TO ANSWER QUESTIONS UNDER COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE 11.8 (IF ANY)

PRIVATE SESSION

In accordance with Paragraph 10 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, the Proper Officer has determined that there will be no advance disclosure of the following reports because the public interest in disclosing the information set out in the following items is outweighed by the public interest in maintaining the exemption from disclosure

12. RESOLUTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC

To consider the adoption of the following resolution:-

That the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 as indicated below:-

<u>Agenda Item No</u>	<u>Description of Item</u>	<u>Relevant Paragraph(s) of Part I of Schedule 12A</u>
13	Reports required under Standing Orders	2 and 7
14	Annual Audit Report in relation to the Directorate of the Urban Environment	2 and 7
15	Audit Services Interim Performance Report	2 and 7

13. REPORTS REQUIRED UNDER STANDING ORDERS (PAGES 158 - 161)

To consider a report of the Treasurer

14. ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT IN RELATION TO THE DIRECTORATE OF THE URBAN ENVIRONMENT (PAGES 162 - 211 )

To consider a report of the Treasurer

15. AUDIT SERVICES INTERIM PERFORMANCE REPORT (PAGES 212 - 224 )

To consider a report of the Treasurer

To: All Members of the Audit Committee Committee, namely:

Arshad	Branwood	Burston	Cowell	Hill
Taylor	Tyler	Mrs Westwood	Zada	