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## A MEETING OF THE

# Joint Audit and Governance Committee

WILL BE HELD ON MONDAY 28 SEPTEMBER 2015 AT 6.30 PM

MEETING ROOM 1, 135 EASTERN AVENUE, MILTON PARK, MILTON, OX14 4SB

### Members of the Committee:

Charles Bailey	Simon Howell (Co-Chair)	Alan Thompson
Kevin Bulmer (Co-Chair)	Chris Palmer	John Walsh
Dudley Hoddinott	Henry Spencer	

### Substitutes

<i>Paul Harrison</i>	<i>David Nimmo-Smith</i>	<i>Richard Pullen</i>
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### 1 Apologies

### 2 Declarations of disposable pecuniary interest

To receive any declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of items on the agenda for this meeting.

### 3 Minutes (Pages 4 - 6)

To adopt and sign as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 6 July 2015 (attached).

**4 Urgent business**

**5 Public participation**

**6 Application of restrictions imposed by Section 157 of the Housing Act 1985 in South Oxfordshire - consideration of the local government ombudsman's report** (Pages 7 - 21)

To consider the head of economy, leisure and property's report (attached).

**7 External auditor's fees** (Pages 22 - 27)

To note the external auditor's letters (attached) setting out the audit and certification fees for South Oxfordshire and the Vale of White Horse District Councils in 2015/16. The committee deferred consideration of this item at the last meeting.

**8 External auditor's annual audit report - South Oxfordshire**  
(Pages 28 - 45)

To consider the report from Ernst & Young (attached).

**9 External auditor's annual audit report - Vale of White Horse**  
(Pages 46 - 63)

To consider the report from Ernst & Young (attached).

**12 Annual governance statement 2014/15 - South Oxfordshire**  
(Pages 64 - 82)

To consider South Oxfordshire's annual governance statement 2014/15.

**RECOMMENDED:** To approve South Oxfordshire District Council's Annual Governance Statement 2014/15 to form part of the statement of accounts.

**13 Annual governance statement 2014/15 - Vale of White Horse**  
(Pages 83 - 101)

To consider the Vale of White Horse's annual governance statement 2014/15.

**RECOMMENDED:** To approve Vale of White Horse District Council's Annual Governance Statement 2014/15 to form part of the statement of accounts.

**14 Letter of representation to the external auditor - South Oxfordshire** (Pages 102 - 105)

**RECOMMENDED:** to agree that the chairman signs the letter of representation to the external auditor (attached).

**15 Letter of representation to the external auditor - Vale of White Horse** (Pages 106 - 109)

**RECOMMENDED:** to agree that the chairman signs the letter of representation to the external auditor (attached).

**16 Treasury management outturn 2014/15** (Pages 110 - 133)

To consider the head of finance's report.

**17 Internal audit management report quarter two 2015/16** (Pages 134 - 142)

Report of the audit manager (attached).

**18 Internal audit activity report quarter two 2015/16** (Pages 143 - 171)

Report of the audit manager (attached).

**19 Audit and governance work programme** (Pages 172 - 175)

To review the work programme (attached).

MARGARET REED

Head of Legal and Democratic Services