

**NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**AUDIT COMMITTEE**

**10<sup>th</sup> January, 2013**

A meeting of the Audit Committee was held at the Town Hall, Nuneaton, on Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2013.

**Present**

Councillor J. Haynes (Chair)

Councillors J.B. Beaumont, D. Fowler, A.A. Lloyd, G.D. Pomfrett, G. Smith and Mrs L. Nelson.

An apology for absence was received from Mrs C. Bacon.

306 **Minutes**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> November, 2012 be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

307 **Courtesies**

The Chair welcomed Mr. Neil Preece of Grant Thornton to the meeting.

308 **Certification Work Report 2011/12**

Mr. Neil Preece, Grant Thornton presented the Certification Work Report for 2011/12 which summarised the findings from certifying the 2011/12 claims.

**RESOLVED** that

(a) it be noted that significant improvements in error rates had resulted in the Audit Commission being able to certify the Housing and Council Tax Benefits claim six weeks ahead of the scheduled deadline, placing Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council as one of the top performing Councils within the West Midlands;

(b) employees in the Housing and Council Tax Benefits section be congratulated on their hard work in reducing error rates in the processing of claims: and

(c) the report be noted.

309 **Treasury Management Monitoring, Quarter 3, 2012/13**

The Treasury and Technical Manager submitted a report to inform Committee Members of the treasury management activities of the Council in accordance with the CIPFA Code of Treasury Management (Revised 2009).

**RESOLVED** that the Treasury Management Monitoring Report, Quarter 3, 2012/13 be noted.

310 **Any Other Items**

311 **Utility Invoice**

The Committee requested an update on progress relating to the apparent incorrect payment of a large utility bill.

**RESOLVED** that

(a) it be noted that investigations into an electric bill for lighting which had previously been requested were still ongoing as a complete 12 months of electricity usage was required for comparison and to take into account seasonal changes;

(b) the Treasury and Technical Manager be requested to provide a further update at the meeting of this Committee scheduled for 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2013; and

(c) a report be submitted to a future meeting of this Committee.

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Chair