

**Minutes of the Audit and Performance
Management Committee**

5 September 2011 at 1.30 pm
at Fire Service Headquarters, Birmingham

Present: Councillor Turner (Chair);
Councillor Griffiths (Vice-Chair);
Councillors Docker, Singh and Tranter;
Mr Ager (Independent Member).

Also Present: Councillor Douglas-Maul (Lead Member Performance
Management).

30/11 **Minutes**

Resolved that the minutes of the meetings held on 6
and 13 June, 2011 be approved as a correct record.

31/11 **An Analysis of Corporate Performance Against 'The Plan' –
Quarter One 2011/2012**

The Committee noted an analysis of organisational performance
against 'The Plan' for the first quarter of 2011/2012.

Overall the Service was improving and meeting targets across a
range of performance indicators. Of the 13 performance indicators
set out within 'The Plan', nine were on target, two were improving and
two were falling below target. It was noted that June 2011 had seen
the lowest number of accidental dwelling fires ever recorded.
Members noted and discussed the circumstances relating to specific
indicators.

Of the 13 strategic objectives set out in 'The Plan' 12 were on target.

Two of the risks set out within the Corporate Risk Register had been
re-rated from medium to high due to the current climate of industrial
action in the public sector.

Members also noted progress on key projects and programmes.

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32/11 Annual Governance Report 2010/2011

The Committee noted the content of the Authority's draft Annual Governance Report. The final report would be submitted to the Authority on 19 September, 2011.

The report summarised the findings from the 2010/2011 audit and included messages arising from the audit of financial statements and work undertaken to assess the Authority's arrangements to ensure value for money in its use of resources.

John Gregory from the Audit Commission was present and addressed the meeting. It was noted that this was the first year of implementation of the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), which had resulted in a number of changes to accounting requirements. Management had adjusted the financial statements to address errors issues identified.

Mr Gregory reported that he intended to issue an unqualified opinion on the Authority's financial statements and value for money conclusion.

33/11 Statement of Accounts 2010/2011

The Committee noted the Authority's Statement of Accounts for 2010/2011.

It was noted that this was the first year that the accounts had been prepared in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS), and consequently they were lengthier than in previous years.

The audit of the accounts was substantially completed and any material changes required by the Audit Commission would be reported to the Authority.

34/11 Annual Report of the Audit Committee 2010/2011

The Committee considered the content of its Annual Report, which set out the work that the Committee had undertaken in 2010/2011.

Resolved that the Committee's Annual Report 2010/2011 be approved and submitted to the Authority on 19 September 2011.

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35/11 Update on Topical, Legal and Regulatory Issues

There were no updates.

36/11 Work Programme 2010/2011

The Committee noted its work programme for 2011/2012

(The meeting ended at 2.11 pm)

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