

Board of Management Audit Committee

The 1st meeting (Session 2016-17) of the Audit Committee will be held **at 1700 hrs** on Wednesday 14 September 2016 in Room C.06.106 at the City Campus, 190 Cathedral Street, Glasgow G4 0RF.

Agenda

	PAPER	LEAD
1. Apologies for Absence		Convener
2. Declarations of Interest		Convener
3. Items to be Discussed Privately with Auditors		Convener
For Approval		
4. Minute of the Audit Committee Meeting held on 25 May 2016	AC1-A	Convener
5. Committee Annual Report 2015-16	AC1-B	PC
6. Strategic Risk Review	AC1-C	PC
7. Internal Audit Service Tender	AC1-D	ST
8. Financial Regulations Update	AC1-E	ST
9. Board and Committee Schedule	AC1-F	PC
For Discussion and Decision		
10. Audit Scotland Report: Scotland's Colleges 2016	AC1-G	PC
11. Internal Audit Review Reports		
11.1 Academic Growth Planning	AC1-H	BDO
11.2 Treasury Management	AC1-I	BDO
11.3 International & Commercial Activity	AC1-J	BDO
11.4 Follow Up Review	AC1-K	BDO
12. Conflict of Interest Policy and Procedure	AC1-L	PC
For Noting		
13. Disclosability of Papers		
14. Date of Next Meeting – Wednesday 16 August 2016		

TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. To review the processes for ensuring the effectiveness of the financial and other internal control systems.
2. To advise the Board on the criteria for the selection and appointment of the internal auditor, and to select and recommend the appointment of the provider of an internal audit service.
3. To review the scope and effectiveness of internal audit's work including planning and operation of the work and the internal audit annual report, and to hold an annual closed meeting.
4. To ensure that the College has systems and procedures to promote economy, efficiency and effectiveness, including where appropriate the identification of specific value for money studies.
5. To advise the Board of the process for the appointment of the external auditor, who is currently appointed by the Auditor General for Scotland, for his/her remuneration.
6. To agree the scope of the external auditor's work and determine any non-audit services to be provided.
7. To consider the College's annual financial statements after review by the Finance Committee and prior to submission to the Board focusing in particular on any changes in accounting policy, major judgemental areas, significant audit adjustments, the going concern assumption and compliance with accounting standards and the Scottish Funding Council's Financial Memorandum.
8. To review the external auditor's Management Letter and management's response, and having direct access to the external auditor, including an annual closed meeting.
9. To review relevant reports from the Scottish Government, Auditor General for Scotland, Scottish Funding Council and other organisations.
10. To monitor the performance and effectiveness of external and internal audit.
11. To monitor and review the College's Strategic Risks and Risk Management Strategy, and review Risk Management Action Plans as appropriate, to ensure that the College's approach to managing the risks is appropriate and adequate.
12. To maintain oversight of whistleblowing, anti-fraud, anti-money-laundering, and anti-bribery policies
13. To ensure that all significant losses, including those in excess of the delegated limits set out in Financial Memorandum, have been properly investigated, and that the internal and external auditors and the Scottish Funding Council have been fully informed of all such losses.
14. To ensure the committee operates in compliance with the terms of the Scottish Public Finance Manual and the Scottish Funding Councils' Financial Memorandum.
15. The Committee will report annually to the full Board of Management
16. Undertake a self-evaluation exercise annually to ensure that the Audit Committee complies with best practice in relation to governance and that the internal and external audit service is satisfactory