

Board of Management Audit Committee

The 4th meeting (Session 2016-17) of the Audit Committee will be held at 1700 hrs on Wednesday 24 May 2017 in Room C.06.106 at the City Campus, 190 Cathedral Street, Glasgow G4 0RF.

The meeting will be followed by a private session with Auditors.

Agenda v2

	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 8 March 2017	AC4-A	Convener
5. Whistleblowing Policy	AC4-B	PC
For Discussion and Decision		
6. Strategic Risk Review	AC4-C	PC
7. Committee Terms of Reference Review	AC4-D	PC
8. Freedom of Information Report	AC4-E	PC/JH
9. Internal Audit Review Report		
- Procurement and Creditors/Purchasing	AC4-F	DA/SI (HL)
10. Internal Audit Progress Report	AC4-G	DA/SI (HL)
11. External Audit Plan	AC4-H	GD/CG (SM)
For Noting		
12. Any Other Notified Business		
- Glasgow Region Audit Planning Workshop – 5 May 2017	AC4-I	GB
13. Disclosability of Papers		
14. Date of Next Meeting – To be confirmed		
CLOSED SESSION		
Private Session with External and Internal Auditors	(Members Only)	Guidance

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