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To: All Members of the Corporate Audit Committee

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Independent Member:

Chief Executive and other appropriate officers

Press and Public

Dear Member

Corporate Audit Committee: Tuesday, 15th May, 2012

You are invited to attend a meeting of the **Corporate Audit Committee**, to be held on **Tuesday, 15th May, 2012 at 5.30 pm** in the. **Kaposvar Room - Guildhall, Bath.**

The agenda is set out overleaf.

Yours sincerely

Sean O'Neill
for Chief Executive

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- 4. Attendance Register:** Members should sign the Register which will be circulated at the meeting.
- 5. THE APPENDED SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS ARE IDENTIFIED BY AGENDA ITEM NUMBER.**
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Arrangements are in place for the safe evacuation of disabled people.

Corporate Audit Committee - Tuesday, 15th May, 2012

at 5.30 pm in the Kaposvar Room - Guildhall, Bath

AGENDA

1. EMERGENCY EVACUATION PROCEDURE

The Chair will draw attention to the emergency evacuation procedure as set out under Note 8.

2. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR

To elect a Vice-Chair (if required) for this meeting.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive any declarations from Members/Officers of financial or other interests in respect of matters for consideration at this meeting, together with their statements on the nature of any such interests declared.

5. TO ANNOUNCE ANY URGENT BUSINESS AGREED BY THE CHAIR

The Chair will announce any items of urgent business.

6. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC - TO RECEIVE DEPUTATIONS, STATEMENTS, PETITIONS OR QUESTIONS

7. ITEMS FROM COUNCILLORS AND CO-OPTED AND ADDED MEMBERS

To deal with any petitions, statements or questions from Councillors and, where appropriate, co-opted and added Members.

8. MINUTES: 7 FEBRUARY 2012 (Pages 5 - 12)

9. INTERNAL AUDIT ANNUAL REPORT (Pages 13 - 40)

10. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE REVIEW UPDATE (Pages 41 - 46)

11. LOCAL GOVERNMENT FRAUD STRATEGY (Pages 47 - 78)

12. APPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL AUDITOR (Pages 79 - 90)

13. EXTERNAL AUDITOR UPDATE REPORT (Pages 91 - 104)

The Committee Administrator for this meeting is Sean O'Neill who can be contacted on 01225 395090.