

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL

Audit Committee

Minutes of Meeting held in County Hall, Dundalk on Monday 26th April, 2010 at 2.00pm

In Attendance:

Committee Members: Dr. Philip Byrne (Chairman)
Mr. Billy Doyle
Mr. Richard Bowden
Cllr. F. Maher
Cllr. J. Lennon

Officials: C. Murray, County Manager
J. McGuinness, Director of Services
B. Woods, Head of Finance
F. Downes, Head of Internal Audit

1. Minutes

On the proposal of B. Doyle and seconded by Cllr. J. Lennon, the minutes of the meeting of 22nd February were adopted.

2. Matters Arising

Nil

3. High Level View of Risk

F. Downes, Internal Audit gave a brief on risk and its role in the organisation. A general discussion ensued on the matter and it was agreed that at future meetings of the Audit Committee, individual Directorates would be asked to present on their particular service area highlighting:-

- Function of the Directorate
- Number of staff
- Risk matrix utilised in their area.

Separately it was agreed that a further high level risk presentation would be prepared for the July meeting of Audit Committee.

4. Budget Controls

B. Woods gave a briefing to the Committee in relation to current budget control practices. Items discussed included:-

- Variants reports
- Monitoring practices

It was agreed that budgetary control would be tabled as a specific item for the next agenda with B. Woods to report.

5. Audit Committee Report 2008

It was noted that preparation should commence for the presentation to full council and it was agreed that the Committee would endeavour to complete same in the October/November timeframe.

6. Strategic Audit Plan

Members referred to the Strategic Audit Plan and noted its contents. Some matters were discussed including:-

- Possibility of utilising audit services by contract
- Collaboration with other Internal Audit Services
- Utilisation of Audit Reports both old and new

7. 2008 Audit Report

B. Woods circulated report from the Local Government Audit Service in relation to 2008 AFS and its contents were noted. Matters discussed included:-

- Arrears management
- Development contributions
- Accounts treatment
- Part V legislation

It was agreed that the next meeting would take place on 21st June, 2010 at 2.00pm.

That concluded the meeting.

Confirmed at Meeting held on: _____

Signed: _____
Chairman

Signed: _____
Meetings Administrator