

# Agenda Item 72.

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| <b>TITLE</b>                | <b>Update Report on the Meeting between the Chairman of the Committee and Chairman of the Audit Committee</b> |
| <b>FOR CONSIDERATION BY</b> | Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee on 24 March 2015   |
| <b>WARD</b>                 | None Specific   |
| <b>DIRECTOR</b>             | Andrew Moulton, Head of Governance and Improvement Services   |

## **Meeting between the Chairman of the Audit Committee and the Chairman of the Overview & Scrutiny Management Committee**

**19 February 2015**

### **1. Council's Vision and Priorities – are we covering all the areas? Where are we getting assurance from? Are there any assurance gaps?**

Audit Committee

- Focus of work is Corporate Risk Register including internal controls, good governance.
- Confirmed covering all areas with emphasis on delivering quality and value for Council Tax.
- Example of delivering value is the shared internal audit & investigations service with RBWM which is working well but still early days.
- Council owned companies being considered; Wokingham Housing Limited presented at the training session before the last meeting – this was open to all members of Overview & Scrutiny. Other companies being scheduled for 2015/16 including Regeneration (summer), Optalis (September meeting). Democratic Services will ensure all Members of Overview & Scrutiny are provided with these dates/times.
- Work is retrospective purchase orders is ongoing.
- The Chair intends to attend next meeting of Overview & Scrutiny.

Overview & Scrutiny

- No gaps identified.

### **2. Are there any topics on the Overview and Scrutiny Committee work programmes which it may be more appropriate for Audit to consider and vice versa?**

- Nothing was identified in terms of the question.
- The Chairs discussed the process for deciding which Committee would lead on an issue in the event both Committees had an interest in a subject. It was agreed that this would need to be discussed on a case by case basis, but in the A329M roadworks issue last year it was thought that Overview & Scrutiny would consider the issue as an operational matters and any associated “lessons learned” but the Audit Committee might take an interest in seeking assurance that the lessons had been implemented successfully.

### **3. How can we make sure that the Committees do not duplicate efforts?**

- The same actions as were identified at the last meeting were confirmed as still relevant.
- The importance of this regular meeting between the two Chairs was emphasised and it was agreed that there should be an early meeting following Annual Council on 21 May.

**4. Information sharing?**

- Again, the same actions and protocols as discussed at the last meeting were agreed as still relevant.

Democratic Services to arrange next meeting for late May/early June.

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