

**Note of a Briefing Meeting of Audit Committee Members and  
Overview & Scrutiny Chairs/Vice Chairs on 22 February 2013  
In the Delyn Room**

**Present:** Councillors: Matt Wright (Chair), Alison Halford,  
Patrick Heesom, Paul Williams, Haydn Bateman,  
Marion Bateman, Ron Hampson, Glyn Banks,  
Nancy Matthews, Richard Jones and Arnold Woolley

Officers: Gareth Owens, Kerry Feather, Peter Evans,  
Robert Robins, David Webster and Margaret Parry-Jones

Also attending Amanda Hughes (WAO)

Councillor Matt Wright opened the meeting and welcomed Members and officers. He invited Peter Evans to give a brief presentation on the following:-

- The expanded remit of Audit Committee
- The differing roles of Audit Committee and Overview & Scrutiny Committees.
- Following which there would be a discussion about the relationship between Overview & Scrutiny Committees and Audit Committee.

Councillor Heesom questioned why Councillor Wright was chairing the meeting and in response Councillor Halford advised that following discussions with relevant officers she felt that an 'independent Chair' would be more appropriate to lead the meeting.

The Chair advised that the purpose of the meeting was to explore the roles of the Audit Committee and Overview & Scrutiny Committees to avoid unnecessary duplication. He indicated that it seemed to him that the Audit Committee should chiefly be concerned with control systems as opposed to scrutiny of operational departmental issues which should be the concern of Overview & Scrutiny. Following discussion by Members as to the roles of Audit Committee and Overview & Scrutiny and them working together, Peter Evans gave his attached presentation.

There then followed a discussion as to how best to manage the relationship between Overview & Scrutiny Committees and Audit Committee and in turn the discussion concentrated on the following areas:-

- Financial affairs
- Corporate Governance
- Risk Management
- Inspectors/Regulators
- Regular meetings between Chairs?

The points made during the discussion were captured on a flip chart and those notes are attached.