#### **AUDIT COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN ROLE DESCRIPTION**

#### **Purpose**

- 1. To provide leadership of and direction to the Committee
- 2. To demonstrate to the public that Waverley is committed to high standards of Corporate Governance
- 3. To ensure that adequate resources (financial and officer support) are identified and sought from the Council
- 4. To chair and manage Committee meetings and ensure the Committee achieves its terms of reference

## **Duties and responsibilities**

- To encourage Committee members to obtain necessary skills to contribute the work of the Committee and to work with officers to provide training if necessary
- 2. To endeavour to engage all members of the Committee in its activities
- 3. To lead the Committee, in consultation with officers, in prioritising its work
- 4. To develop a constructive relationship with the appropriate officers, their staff and where appropriate, with relevant portfolio holders
- 5. To be willing to learn about the professional disciplines and services relevant to the work of the Committee
- 6. To Chair the Committee in a fair and open manner and encourage members in their role of promoting and maintaining high standards of Corporate Governance.

#### **AUDIT COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN PERSON SPECIFICATION**

To fulfil his or her role as set out in the role description, an effective Audit Committee Chairman requires:

# Providing leadership and direction:

- Commitment to highest standards of financial management
- Understanding of the Council's role in providing value for money
- Communication skills
- Knowledge of financial and governance issues
- Ability to manage the work of the committee
- Ability to support and develop necessary skills in fellow members of the committee

## **Promoting the role of the Audit Committee:**

- Understanding and appreciation of the financial and governance framework
- Ability to inspire and enthuse Committee members for the work of the Committee
- Integrity and the ability to set aside own views and act impartially
- Knowledge and understanding of the relevant code(s) of conduct and protocols and the ability to champion them
- Reinforcing public confidence in the work of the Committee and the Council's commitment to value for money

## Internal governance, ethical standards and relationships:

- Knowledge and understanding of the Corporate Governance processes and protocols
- Knowledge of and commitment to the values of the Council
- Knowledge of the basic financial framework of an Audit Committee.

#### **AUDIT COMMITTEE MEMBER ROLE DESCRIPTION**

#### **Purpose**

 To participate in the proactive work of the Audit Committee in maintaining and improving high standards of financial governance and developing value for money.

## **Duties and responsibilities**

- 1. To be aware of the particular nature of the work of the Audit Committee
- 2. To have sufficient knowledge to contribute to the function of the Committee
- 3. To promote and support good financial governance by the Council
- 4. To understand the respective roles of members, officers and external parties operating within the Audit Committee's area of responsibility
- 5. To have an interest in all areas of Waverley's activities
- 6. To be committed to promoting value for money.

## AUDIT COMMITTEE MEMBER PERSON SPECIFICATION

To fulfil his or her role as laid out in the role description, an effective Member of an Audit Committee requires the following:

## **Understanding the nature of the Audit Committee:**

- Commitment to high standards of Corporate Governance
- Knowledge of financial management and procedures
- Maintenance of knowledge
- Objectivity and judgement

#### Governance, ethical standards and relationships:

- Knowledge and understanding of the audit process, Code of Conduct(s) and protocols
- Knowledge of and a commitment to the values of the Council
- Commitment to transparency and high standards of conduct.



# **ANNEXE 4**

The Audit Committee met four times, on 23 June, 15 September and 17 November 2015, and 15 March 2016. The membership and attendance at meetings is detailed below:

	23 June 2015	15 Sept. 2015	17 Nov. 2015	15 March 2016
Cllr Jim Edwards (Chairman)	X	X	X	X
Cllr John Gray (Vice-Chairman)	X	X	X	Х
Clir Andrew Bolton		Х	Х	Х
Clir Jenny Else		Х	Х	Х
Clir Ged Hall	Х	X		Х
Cllr Stephen Hill	Х	X	Х	Х
Cllr Richard Seaborne	X		Х	X

**X** = In attendance.

= Not in attendance.