

Extract from Combined Authority Constitution

Part 4 Section B

Audit Committee

4.4 The Authority will establish an Audit Committee.

4.5 Composition

(a) Membership

The number of members of the Committee shall be six. The members of the Committee shall include members of the Authority, the Merseytravel Committee and the Scrutiny Panel in such proportion as the Authority shall determine.

(b) Chairing the Committee

- (i) The Chair of the Committee shall not be a member of the Authority.
- (ii) The Chair of the Committee shall not have a casting vote.

(c) The quorum for the Audit Committee shall be three.

4.6 Role and Function

The Authority has delegated to the Audit Committee the following roles in order to advise the Authority:

(a) to receive the Authority's statement of accounts in accordance with The Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2011 and to advise the Authority in relation to its approval;

(b) to consider the External Auditor's Annual Audit and Inspection Letter in accordance with The Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2011 and to monitor the Authority's response to individual issues of concern identified;

(c) to consider and advise the Authority on the findings of the Authority's review of the effectiveness of its system of internal control and on the Annual Governance Statement;

(d) to consider and advise the Authority on the findings of the review of the effectiveness of its internal audit;

(e) to oversee the effectiveness of the Authority's and the Merseytravel Committee's risk management arrangements, the control environment and associated anti-fraud and anti-corruption arrangements;

(f) to challenge the Authority's performance management arrangements;

(g) to oversee and review the Authority's relevant strategies, policies and codes;

(h) to engage with the External Auditor and external inspection agencies and other relevant bodies to ensure that there are effective relationships between external and internal audit;

(i) to make recommendations to the Treasurer and Monitoring Officer in respect of Part 6 of the Authority's Constitution;

(j) to ensure effective scrutiny of the Treasury Management Strategy and Policies; and

(k) to consider and advise the Authority on its Code of Corporate Governance.