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GOVERNANCE FORUM BRIEFING FOR DIRECTORS BOARD MEMBERS AND SENIOR MANAGERS

Audit Committees- How much can they do?

Thursday, 3rd December, 8.00am – 10.30am

Institute of Public Administration, 57-61 Lansdowne Road, Dublin 4

A light breakfast will be served at 8.00 am. Presentations will commence at 8.30 am

Expectations are rising with regard to audit committees- assisting the Board to monitor the internal control environment, risk management and financial reporting, and internal and external audit function. This briefing will have a particular focus on organisations in the public sector and others with public benefit mandates.

- Scope of the Audit Committee- core and non-core activities
- Managing Relationships
  - with management, internal audit and external audit
  - with the Board or other governing authority
- Membership and Composition – skills and experience
- Deciding the Audit Committee work programme

There will be two presentations followed by an open discussion with a panel of experienced audit committee members.

Aidan Horan is a non-executive member of boards and chairs the audit committees of the Department of Public Expenditure and Reform. He has experience also as an audit committee member with State agency and local authority audit committees. Aidan is Director with responsibility for Governance and Audit Services at the IPA.

Eugenie Canavan is Chairman of the audit committee of the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland and former Chairman of the Advertising Appeals Board. Eugenie has wide experience as a pharmacist, lecturer and as a consultant in regulatory affairs.

Panel Discussion –Speakers will be joined by serving Audit Committee members including the following:

Noreen Fahy
Specialist Advisor and member of Public Sector Audit Committees

Pauline Poots
Internal Audit Director, Capita

Ken Slattery
Chairperson and member of Audit Committees

TIME & LOCATION

The briefing will take place on Thursday 3rd December 2015 at the IPA, 57-61 Lansdowne Road, Dublin 4. A light breakfast will be served from 8.00am. The presentations and open forum discussions will commence at 8.30am and conclude at 10.30am.

COST AND BOOKINGS

Members of the Forum may nominate up to three participants to the briefing without charge. The cost for additional nominees is €100 per person. The cost for non-forum members is €140 per person. Bookings can be made using the attached booking form or by contacting Jane Greer (jgreer@ipa.ie) or Paul Turpin (pturpin@ipa.ie).