

Service Director – Legal, Governance and Commissioning

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Decision Summary

Committee: AUDIT COMMITTEE

Date:

Committee Clerk:

TEL:

Chair

Councillor Hilary Richards

Councillors Attended

Councillor Carole Pattison Councillor Ken Sims Councillor Julie Stewart-Turner Councillor John Taylor Councillor Andrew Pinnock

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND

FRIDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2018 Andrea Woodside 01484 221000

1 Membership of the Committee

This is where Councillors who are attending as substitutes will say for whom they are attending.

Councillor A Pinnock substituted for Councillor K Pinnock.

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

To approve the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 7 September 2018.

Approved as a correct record.

3 Interests

The Councillors will be asked to say if there are any items on the Agenda in which they have disclosable pecuniary interests, which would prevent them from participating in any discussion of the items or participating in any vote upon the items, or any other interests.

No interests were declared.

4 Admission of the Public

Most debates take place in public. This only changes when there is a need to consider certain issues, for instance, commercially sensitive information or details concerning an individual. You will be told at this point whether there are any items on the Agenda which are to be discussed in private.

It was noted that all agenda items would be considered in public session.

5 Deputations/Petitions

The Committee will receive any petitions and hear any deputations from members of the public. A deputation is where up to five people can attend the meeting and make a presentation on some particular issue of concern. A member of the public can also hand in a petition at the meeting but that petition should relate to something on which the body has powers and responsibilities.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 10 (2), Members of the Public should provide at least 24 hours' notice of presenting a deputation.

None received.

6 Public Question Time

The Committee will hear any questions from the general public.

No questions were asked.

7 Corporate Customer Standards Annual Report 2017-18

To receive the report.

Contact: Chris Read, Corporate Complaints Officer

That the Corporate Customer Standards Annual report 2017-2018 be received and noted.

8 Information Governance Progress Report (Q1 and Q2)

To receive the report.

Contact: Katy Deacon, Information Governance Manager

That the Information Governance Progress Report (Q1 and Q2) be received and noted.

9 Treasury Management - Half Yearly Monitoring

To receive the report.

Contact: Eamonn Croston, Strategic Director

- 1) That the half-year treasury management 2018-2019 performance report be noted.
- 2) That the report be referred to the meetings Cabinet on 16 November 2018 and Council on 11 December 2018 with a recommendation that proposals for an amendment in the Council's current investment strategy, to include the Local Authority Property Fund as a potential source, be approved.
- 3) That it be noted that Officers will further explore an investment opportunity of between £5m and £10m in the Fund, and that subject to further Government clarification on the statutory override, and other risk considerations, any such proposals be formalised into the forthcoming 2019/2020 Annual Treasury Management Strategy and Annual Budget for further consideration.

10 External Audit Progress Report and Sector Update

To receive the report.

Contact: Robin Baker, External Audit

That the External Audit Progress report and Sector Update be received and noted.

11 Risk Management Update Report

To receive the report.

Contact: Martin Dearnley, Head of Audit and Risk

- 1) That the Risk Management update report be received and noted.
- 2) That the Committee's dissatisfaction with the progress made to date on the implementation of risk management be noted and that appropriate action be taken to progress this prior to the submission of a progress report to the Committee in approximately 6 months.

12 Quarterly Report of Internal Audit 2018/2019 (Quarter 2)

To receive the report.

Contact: Martin Dearnley, Head of Audit and Risk

That the Internal Audit Quarterly Report (Quarter 2) be received and noted.

13 Exclusion of the Public

To resolve that under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

That acting under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, as specifically stated in the undermentioned Minute.

14 Quarterly Report of Internal Audit 2018/2019 (Quarter 2)

Exempt information within Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 namely that the report contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). The public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information and providing greater openness in the Council's decision making.

To receive the report (to follow).

Contact: Martin Dearnley, Head of Audit and Risk

That the Internal Audit Quarterly Report (Quarter 2) be received and noted.