

# Service Director – Legal, Governance and Commissioning

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# **Decision Summary**

Committee: AUDIT COMMITTEE

Date:

**Committee Clerk:** 

TEL:

Chair

Councillor Carole Pattison

**Councillors Attended** 

Councillor Kath Pinnock Councillor John Taylor Councillor Karen Allison Councillor Mohan Sokhal

**Observers** 

Councillor Susan Lee-Richards Councillor Will Simpson

# 1 Appointment of Chair

To apoint a Chair for this Meeting of the Committee.

Councillor Pattison was appointed as Chair for this meeting of the Committee.

# 2 Membership of the Committee

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

Councillor Sokhal substituted for the Labour Group vacancy.

Councillor Allison substituted for the Green Group vacancy.

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#### 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 Place Lead Role

To consider the report.

Contact: Carl Whistlecraft, Head of Democracy

- (1) That the comments of the Committee regarding the need to re-draft the role profile in order to provide more clarity regarding the function of the role be noted.
- (2) That the Committee recommends that the meeting of Annual Council, on 22 May 2019, agrees (i) to establish the role of Place Lead and (ii) that the remuneration for the role be referred to the Members Allowances Independent Review Panel.

### 7 Annual Procurement Update

To receive the report.

Contact: Jane Lockwood, Head of Procurement and Commissioning

That the update on procurement compliance activity for the 2018/2019 financial year be received and noted.

## 8 Annual Report on Treasury Management 2018-19

To receive the report.

Contact: Eamonn Croston, Finance Director

- (1) That the Annual Report on Treasury Management 2018-2019 be received and noted.
- (2) That the proposals to review LOBO loan re-financing options in conjunction with Arlingclose, if considered beneficial, be agreed.
- (3) That the intention to undertake an investment in the Local Authorities Property Fund during 2019/20 be noted.
- (4) That the report be submitted to the meetings of (i) Cabinet on 18 June 2019 and (ii) Council on 17 July 2019.

# 9 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.

#### 10 External Audit Fee

To receive the report.

Contact: Robin Baker, External Audit

That the External Audit Fee 2019/2020 be noted.

# 11 Annual Report of Corporate Governance and Audit Committee 2018/19

To receive the report.

Contact: Martin Dearnley, Head of Audit and Risk

That the Annual Report of Corporate Governance 2018/2019 be received and noted and that the Committee constituted for the 2019/2020 municipal year be asked to give consideration to the content of the report.