

Service Director – Legal, Governance and Commissioning

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Decision Summary

Committee: AUDIT COMMITTEE

Date:

Committee Clerk:

TEL:

Chair

Councillor Will Simpson

Councillors Attended

Councillor Kath Pinnock
Councillor John Taylor
Councillor Paola Antonia Davies
Councillor Susan Lee-Richards

Attendees

Co-optees

Ex-Officio Members

Councillor Elizabeth Smaje

Observers

Apologies

Councillor Steve Hall

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FRIDAY 24 JANUARY 2020 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.

Apologies for absence were received on behalf of Councillor Steve Hall.

2 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.

3 Minutes of Previous Meeting

To approve the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 15 November 2020.

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 15 November 2019 be approved as a correct record.

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 Agenda Item 13 would be considered in private session (Minute No. 13 refers).

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.

6 Public Question Time

The Committee will hear any questions from the general public.

No questions were asked.

7 Place Partnerships Lead Member Role - Update

To receive the report.

Contact: Carl Whistlecraft – Head of Democracy

That any changes to the context and future of the role going forward be submitted to the MAIRP for consideration, prior to consideration by this Committee.

8 Amendments to Health and Wellbeing Board Terms of Reference

To receive the report.

Contact: Tom Brailsford - Service Director Resources, Improvement and Partnerships

That this Committee endorses the amended terms of reference for the Health and Wellbeing Board to provide an appropriate cross sector governance route for the oversight of the work of the Children and Young People's Partnership.

9 Treasury Management Strategy 2019-20 Update

To receive the report.

Contact: Eamonn Croston – Strategic Director.

That Corporate Governance & Audit Committee recommend the following for approval by Cabinet and then Council:

- (i) the borrowing strategy outlined in paragraphs 2.15 to 2.21;
- (ii) the investment strategy (treasury management investments) outlined in paragraphs 2.22 to 2.31 and Appendices A and B;
- (iii) the policy for provision of repayment of debt (MRP) outlined in paragraphs 2.32 to 2.36 and at Appendix C;
- (iv) the treasury management indicators in Appendix D;
- (v) the Investment Strategy (Non-Treasury Investments) at Appendix E.

10 Audit Progress Report and Sector Update

To receive the report.

Contact: Robin Baker - Grant Thornton External Auditor

That in the event of the Statement of Accounts not being signed off by the date of the next meeting, arrangements be made to invite a Senior National Partner of Grant Thornton to address Members of this Committee.

11 Quarterly Report of Internal Audit 2019/20 Quarter 3

To receive the report.

Contact: Martin Dearnley – Head of Audit and Risk

That the Internal Audit Quarterly Report (Quarter 3) be received and noted.

12 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 they involve 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.

13 Quarterly Report of Internal Audit 2019/20 Quarter 3

To receive the report.

Contact: Martin Dearnley – Head of Audit and Risk

That the Internal Audit Quarterly Report (Quarter 3) be received and noted.