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Decision Summary

Committee:
AUDIT COMMITTEE

Date:

Committee Clerk:

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CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND

FRIDAY 20 JUNE 2025

Nicola Sylvester

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Chair

Councillor John Taylor

Councillors Attended

Councillor Caroline Holt

Councillor Harry McCarthy

Councillor Kath Pinnock

Councillor Imran Safdar

Councillor Angela Sewell

Councillor Eric Firth

Attendees

Rachel Spencer- Henshall, Strategic Director, Corporate Strategy

Samantha Lawton, Service Director, Legal, Governance and Commissioning

Janet Sharpe, Interim Service Director, Homes and Neighbourhoods

Leigh Webb, Head of Governance

Martin Dearnley, Head of Risk and Internal Audit

James Anderson, Head of Accountancy

Jacqui Fieldhouse, Head of Finance

Ruth Callendine, Head of Procurement & Commissioning

Gareth Mills, Grant Thornton

Co-optees

Andrew North

Chris Jones

Ex-Officio Members

Councillor Nosheen Dad

Councillor Graham Turner

Apologies

Nicholas Booth (Co-Optee)

Councillor James Homewood

Councillor Bill Armer (Ex-Officio)

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

To approve the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 25 April 2025.

RESOLVED- That the minutes of the meeting held on 25th April 2025 be approved as a correct record.

7 Annual Report on Treasury Management 2024/25

To receive the Annual Report on Treasury Management 2024/25.

Contact: James Anderson, Head of Accountancy

RESOLVED- That the Annual Report of Treasury Management 2024/25 be noted.

8 District Heating Update

To receive an update on the District Heating Programme.

Contact: Janet Sharpe, Interim Service Director for Homes and Neighbourhoods.

RESOLVED- That the District Heating Update be noted and shared with key council personnel and Members.

9 Culture of Financial Challenges and Maximising Income

To receive a presentation.

Contact: Rachel Spencer-Henshall, Deputy Chief Executive and Executive Director for Public Health and Corporate Resources.

RESOLVED- That the Culture of Financial Challenges and Maximising income presentation be noted.

10 Review of Procurement Practices

To receive the outcome of the review of Procurement Practices in accordance with the Council Motion resolved on 13 November 2024.

Contact: Ruth Calladine, Head of Procurement

RESOLVED- That the outcome of the procurement practices review be noted.

11 The Audit Plan 2024/25

To receive the Audit Plan 2024/25.

Contact: Grant Thornton, External Auditors

RESOLVED- That the 2024/25 Audit Plan be noted.

12 Internal Audit Annual Report 2024/25

To receive the report on Internal Audit activity during 2024/25, and assurance opinion from the Head of Internal Audit & Risk.

Contact: Martin Dearnley, Head of Audit & Risk

RESOLVED-

- 1) That the 2024/25 Internal Audit Annual Report be noted.
 - 2) That the Head of Internal Audits opinion be noted.
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13 Draft Annual Governance Statement 2024/25

To receive the Draft Annual Governance Statement 2024/25.

Contact: Simon Straker, Audit Manager

RESOLVED- That the Draft Annual Governance Statement 2024/25 be noted.

14 Internal Audit Quarterly Report 4 2024/25 January 2025 to March 2025

To receive the report of Internal Audit activity during the final quarter of 2024/25.

Contact: Martin Dearnley, Head of Audit & Risk

RESOLVED- That the Internal Audit Quarterly Report 4 2024/25, January – March 2025 be noted.

15 Agenda Plan

To review the 2025/26 Agenda Plan.

RESOLVED- That the Agenda Plan 2025/26 be approved.

16 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.

RESOLVED- That acting under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for 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, as specifically state in the undermentioned minute.

17 Internal Audit Quarterly Report 4 2024/25 January 2025 to March 2025

Exempt Information in relation to Item 14.

RESOLVED- That the Committee noted the exempt information, which was an appendix to Agenda item 14.
