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Decision Summary

Committee:
AUDIT COMMITTEE

Date:

Committee Clerk:

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CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND

FRIDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2025

Nicola Sylvester

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Chair

Councillor John Taylor

Councillors Attended

Councillor James Homewood

Councillor Caroline Holt

Councillor Harry McCarthy

Councillor Kath Pinnock

Councillor Angela Sewell

Attendees

Rachel Spencer-Henshall, Deputy Chief Executive

Samantha Lawton, Service Director, Legal, Governance and Commissioning

Martin Dearnley, Head of Audit & Risk

James Anderson, Head of Accounts

Rachel Firth, Finance Manager

Ruth Callandine, Head of Procurement & Commissioning

Chris Read, Corporate Customer Standards Officer

Alice Carruthers, Senior Finance Officer, Risk

Greg Mills, Grant Thornton

Greg Charnley, Grant Thornton

Co-optees

Nicholas Booth and Andrew North

Ex-Officio Members

Councillor Nosheen Dad, Cabinet Member - Adult Social Care and Corporate

Councillor Graham Turner, Cabinet Member - Finance and Regeneration

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

To approve the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on the 26th September 2025.

RESOLVED – That the Minutes of the meeting held on 26th September 2025 be approved as a correct record.

7 Corporate Customer Standards Annual Report 2024/25

To receive the Corporate Customer Standards Annual Report 2024/25.

Contact: Chris Read, Corporate Customer Standards Officer.

RESOLVED-

- 1) That the Corporate Customer Standards Annual Report 2024/25 be noted.
- 2) That the Whistleblowing outcomes as in Appendix 4 of the report be noted.
- 3) That the Local Government Ombudsman Complaints Code to Kirklees as in Appendix 3 of the report be noted.

8 Contract Management Arrangements Update

To receive the Contract Management Arrangements Update.

Contact: Samantha Lawton, Service Director Legal, Governance & Commissioning.

RESOLVED- That the Contract Management Arrangements Update be noted.

9 Half Yearly Monitoring report on Treasury Management activities 2025/26

To receive the Half Yearly Monitoring report on Treasury Management activities 2025/26.

Contact: James Anderson, Head of Accountancy.

RESOLVED- That the Half Yearly Monitoring report on Treasury Management activities 2025/16 be noted.

10 External Audit Update Report

To receive the External Auditor's update report.

Contact: Grant Thornton.

RESOLVED- That the External Audit Update report be noted.

11 Risk Management Update report

To receive the Risk Management Update Report.

Contact: Alice Carruthers, Senior Risk Officer.

RESOLVED- That the Risk Management Update report be noted.

12 Risk Assurance on selected services

To receive the Risk Assurance on selected services report.

Contact: Alice Carruthers, Senior Risk Officer.

RESOLVED- That the Risk Assurance on Selected Services report be noted.

13 Internal Audit Quarterly Report 2 2025/26 - July 2025 to September 2025

To receive the Internal Audit Quarterly Report 2 2025/26 – July 2025 to September 2025.

Contact: Martin Dearnley, Head of Audit & Risk.

RESOLVED – That the Internal Audit Quarterly Report 2025/26 – July 2025 to September 2025 be noted.

14 Agenda Plan 2025/26

To review the 2025/26 Agenda Plan.

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

15 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 stated in the undermentioned minute.

16 Internal Audit Quarterly Report 2 2025/26 - July 2025 - September 2025

Exempt Information in relation to Item 13.

RESOLVED- That the Committee noted the exempt information, which was an appendix to Agenda item 13.
