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KIRKLEES COUNCIL

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

Friday 11th February 2022

Present: Councillor Yusra Hussain (Chair)
Councillor Paola Antonia Davies
Councillor Steve Hall
Councillor Susan Lee-Richards
Councillor Kath Pinnock
Councillor Melanie Stephen
Councillor John Taylor

Observers: Councillor Paul Davies (ex-Officio)
Councillor Elizabeth Smaje (ex-Officio)

1 Membership of the Committee

No apologies for absence were received.

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

RESOLVED- That the minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 21 January 2022 were agreed as a correct record subject to item 2 where apologies were received from Councillor Melanie Stephen.

3 Declarations of Interest

Councillor John Taylor declared an interest as a Member of the Democracy Commission.

Councillor Kath Pinnock declared a personal interest in respect of item 10 as a Governor of a school named in the report.

4 Admission of the Public

It was noted that Agenda item 10 would be considered in private session.

5 Deputations/Petitions

There were no deputations or petitions received.

6 Public Question Time

No public questions were submitted.

7 Democracy Commission Update

The Committee received an update on behalf of the Chair of the Democracy Commission which advised that the first Democracy Commission meeting had been arranged for 14th February 2022. The purpose of the meeting was to map out the

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work of the Commission and identify specific witnesses/contributors the Commission wished to hear from.

RESOLVED- That the Democracy Commission update be received and noted.

8 Quarterly Report of Internal Audit Q3 2021/22 - October 2021 to December 2021

The Committee received the Internal Audit Quarterly Report, Quarter 3 2021/22 which set out an overview of internal audit activity for the period October 2021 – December 2021.

The report highlighted that coronavirus continued to impact on the ability to do internal audit work and provide a strong level of assurance. Three investigations had taken place and there were 11 formal completed pieces of work. All new work had at least adequate assurance.

RESOLVED –

1. That the Internal Audit Quarterly Report 2021/22 (Quarter 3) be received and noted.
2. That the Committee noted that there had been no Regulation of Investigatory of Powers Act activity during the period Quarter 3 2021/22.

9 Exclusion of the Public

RESOLVED – That acting under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item 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.

10 Quarterly Report of Internal Audit Q3 2021/22 - October 2021 to December 2021

(Exempt information within Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information)(Variation) Order 2006, 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, which would protect the interests of the Council and the company concerned, outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information and providing greater openness in the Council's decision making.)

The Committee received the Internal Audit Quarterly Report, Quarter 3, which set out an overview of internal audit activity in the third quarter of 2021/2022.

RESOLVED - That the Internal Audit Quarterly Report 2021/2022 (Quarter 3) be received and noted.