

Wednesday, 13 July 2022

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AUDIT COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Audit Committee will be held at Council Chamber - Trinity Road on Thursday, 21 July 2022 at 4.00 pm.

Rob Weaver Chief Executive

To: Members of the Audit Committee (Councillors Tony Berry, Patrick Coleman, Nick Maunder, Nigel Robbins, Gary Selwyn, Tom Stowe and Ray Theodoulou)

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AGENDA

1. Apologies

2. Substitute Members

To note details of any substitution arrangements in place for the meeting.

3. Declarations of Interest

To receive any declarations of interest from Members and Officers, relating to items to be considered at the meeting.

4. **Minutes** (Pages 5 - 10)

To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 28th April 2022

5. **Public Questions**

To deal with questions from the public within the open forum question and answer session of fifteen minutes in total. Questions or supplementary questions from each member of the public should be no longer than two minutes each and relate issues under the Committee's remit.

6. Member Questions

To deal with written questions by Members, relating to issues under the Committee's remit, with the maximum length of oral supplementary questions at Committee being no longer than one minute. Responses to any supplementary questions will be dealt with in writing following the meeting

7. KPMG LLP Reports - Housing Benefit Subsidy Certification (Pages 11 - 14)

<u>Purpose</u>

For the Audit Committee to note the outcome of the Housing Benefit Subsidy Grant Certification audit for 2020/2021

Recommendation(s)

To note the outcome of the housing benefit subsidy certification work

8. Internal Audit Annual Opinion (Pages 15 - 46)

<u>Purpose</u>

To present a summary of the work undertaken by Internal Audit during 2021/22 and to give an overall opinion on levels of assurance resulting from this work.

Recommendation(s)

That the Committee considers the report and comments, as necessary.

9. Annual Governance Statement 2021/22 (Pages 47 - 64)

Purpose

To present the Audit Committee with the draft Annual Governance Statement (AGS) 20212022 for consideration and comment.

Recommendation(s)

For Members to receive and discuss the draft Annual Governance Statement for 2021/2022

10. Corporate Risk Register Update (Pages 65 - 76)

Purpose

To update the Committee on the changes to the Council's corporate risk register.

Recommendation(s)

To note the updates to the Council's corporate risk register

11. Draft Accounts 2021/2022

Purpose

To note the presentation given by the Chief Accountant Michelle Burge

12. Value for Money Audit (Pages 77 - 106)

<u>Purpose</u>

To present the external auditor's conclusion on the arrangements in place to secure value for money at the Council during 2020/21.

Recommendation(s)

For the Audit Committee to consider and note the report, the auditor improvement recommendations and the management responses.

13. Work Plan (Pages 107 - 108)

Purpose

To receive the Work Plan and provide feedback on future items scheduled.

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