

GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

Decision Notice –Extraordinary Meeting, 23rd January, 2023.

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Present: G. Chapman (Chair and Lay Member); N. Ireland (Vice-Chair and Lay Member); Councillors P. Drake, E. Goodjohn, M.J. Hooper, J.M. Norman, J. Protheroe and N. Wood

Also present: Councillors. I. Buckley, C. Franks, W. Gilligan, G. John and Dr. I.J. Johnson.

AGENDA ITEM 1. APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE –

This was received from M. Evans (Lay Member).

AGENDA ITEM 2. MINUTES –

RESOLVED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 12th December, 2022 be approved as a correct record.

AGENDA ITEM 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

No declarations of interest were received.

AGENDA ITEM 4. AUDIT OF THE 2021/22 FINANCIAL STATEMENT – REPORTING TO THOSE CHARGED WITH GOVERNANCE (CX) –

RESOLVED -

(1) T H A T the report of the Appointed Auditor on the audit of the Council's Financial Statements for 2021/22 be approved and the Financial Statements including the Annual Governance Statement and Final Letter of Representation be recommended for signature by those authorised.

(2) T H A T the minor changes to Appendix A be agreed. Those being:

- Typographical error in infrastructure paragraph;
- Opening Other Reserves in earmarked reserves disclosure;
- Note 30 Audit costs (prior year difference);
- Updates to the note references.

Reason for decisions

(1&2) Having considered the results of the audit of the Council's Financial Statements for 2021/22.

AGENDA ITEM 5. PROGRESS AGAINST THE INTERNAL AUDIT RISK BASED PLAN 2022-23 (HRIAS) –

RESOLVED – T H A T the content of the report and the progress made against the 2022-23 Internal Audit Annual Risk Based Plan be noted.

Reason for decision

Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 6. UPDATED FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME (HRIAS) -

RESOLVED –

- (1) T H A T the Forward Work Programme be noted.
- (2) T H A T the schedule of items for the next meeting, 27th February 2023, be endorsed.
- (3) T H A T in terms of audit review work, the Governance and Audit Committee be advised of any concerns or anything significant that the Head of the Regional Internal Audit Service may have.

Reasons for decisions

(1&2) To ensure the Governance and Audit Committee is aware and informed of progress on the proposed work programme.

(3) To advise the Committee of anything of significance or concern.