

GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

Decision Notice – Hybrid Meeting, 11th December, 2023.

The Committee agenda is available [here](#).

The recording of the meeting is available [here](#).

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

Also present: Councillors C.P. Franks, W.A. Hennessy and E. Williams (Cabinet Member for Social Care and Health)

AGENDA ITEM 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE –

These were received from Councillors P. Drake, M.J. Hooper and N. Wood.

AGENDA ITEM 2. MINUTES –

RESOLVED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd October, 2023 and the Special Meeting held on 16th November, 2023 be approved as a correct record.

AGENDA ITEM 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

No declarations of interest were received.

AGENDA ITEM 4. DEPRIVATION OF LIBERTY SAFEGUARDS TEAM ANNUAL UPDATE (REF) –

RESOLVED –

- (1) T H A T the contents of the report be noted.
- (2) T H A T the comments of the Governance and Audit Committee be referred to the Director of Social Services for consideration.

Reason for decisions

(1&2) Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 5. STRENGTHENING OUR COMMUNITIES AND WORK TO TACKLE POVERTY AND THE CURRENT COST OF LIVING CRISIS (REF) –

RESOLVED – T H A T the contents of the report be noted and for the report and the comments of the Governance and Audit Committee to be referred to Cabinet for consideration.

Reason for decision

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

AGENDA ITEM 6. TREASURY MANAGEMENT MID-YEAR REPORT 2023/24 (REF) –

RESOLVED – T H A T the Treasury Management Mid-Year Report for the period 1st April, 2023 to 30th September, 2023 be noted.

Reason for decision

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

AGENDA ITEM 7. CORPORATE COMPLAINTS ANNUAL REPORT 2022/23 (DCR) –

RESOLVED –

- (1) T H A T the contents of the report and Appendix A (Annual Complaints and Compliments Report) be noted.
- (2) T H A T the Governance and Audit Committee continues to receive an annual update in relation to Corporate Complaints and Compliments.
- (3) T H A T the report and the comments of the Governance and Audit Committee be referred to Cabinet for their consideration.

Reasons for decisions

(1&2) Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting.

(3) In order that Cabinet can be apprised of the report and the comments made by the Governance and Audit Committee and reply to the Public Services' Ombudsman for Wales Annual Letter.

AGENDA ITEM 8. PROGRESS AGAINST THE INTERNAL AUDIT RISK
BASED PLAN 2023-24 (HRIAS) –

RESOLVED – T H A T the contents of the report and the progress made against the 2023-24 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 9. RECOMMENDATION MONITORING (HRIAS) –

RESOLVED – T H A T the information provided in respect of the status of the high and medium recommendations be noted.

Reason for decision

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

AGENDA ITEM 10. FINAL GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE
ANNUAL REPORT 2022/23 (HRIAS) –

RESOLVED –

(1) T H A T the final Governance and Audit Committee Annual Report 2022/23 be endorsed.

(2) T H A T the final Governance and Audit Committee Annual Report 2022/23 be presented to Full Council for their consideration and endorsement.

Reasons for decisions

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

(2) In line with the Local Government and Elections (Wales) Act 2021 and for Full Council endorsement.

AGENDA ITEM 11. CORPORATE FRAUD ENFORCEMENT POLICY
(HRIAS) –

RESOLVED –

(1) T H A T Section 4 of the draft Corporate Fraud Enforcement Policy relating to investigations be amended to include commentary that investigations should be carried out or led by officers with the appropriate training and/or experience.

(2) T H A T the draft Corporate Fraud Enforcement Policy along with the Committee's recommendation be referred to Cabinet for approval.

Reasons for decisions

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

(2) To ensure Cabinet receive the comments of the Governance and Audit Committee.

AGENDA ITEM 12. UPDATED FORWARD WORK PROGRAMME 2023/24
(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 on 5th February, 2024 and the list of people to be invited for each item (if appropriate) be endorsed.

Reason for decisions

(1&2) Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting.