

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 25th September, 2012

Councillor P. McCauley(Chair)

Councillors: C. Barnfather A.J. Gillam
 M. Lawrence R.J. Nicholson
 M.R. Payne D.E. Pulk

Officers in Attendance: H. Barrington, M. Kimberley

9 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE.

Apologies were received from Councillors Barnfather and Gillam.

10 TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19 JUNE 2012.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the above meeting, having been circulated, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

11 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

None.

12 AUDIT COMMISSION- ANNUAL GOVERNANCE REPORT

Consideration was given to the Audit Commission's Annual Governance Report, a copy of which had been previously circulated.

RESOLVED:

1. That the report be noted.
2. That the Committee take note of adjustments to the financial statements included in the report.

13 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 19 JUNE 2012

Members considered presentations given by the Council Solicitor and Monitoring Officer on Data Security and Individual Councillor

Registration with the Information Commissioner's Office as requested at the meeting of the Audit Committee on 19 June 2012.

RESOLVED:

1. To note the update on progress towards the introduction of a new Information Security Policy.
2. To request that a report be prepared by Officers for the relevant Portfolio Holder to consider the issue of Individual Councillor Registration, taking into account the Audit Committee's view that they would like all Councillors to be covered and all fees paid by the Council as soon as possible.

14 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2011-12.

Consideration was given to a report of the Chief Financial Officer, which had been previously circulated, seeking approval of the 2011-12 Statement of Accounts.

RESOLVED:

1. That the Statement of Accounts 2011-12 be approved.
2. That the letter of representation be approved.

15 CORPORATE RISK SCORECARD.

Consideration was given to a report of the Service Manager, Audit and Risk Management, which had been previously circulated, updating Members on the current level of assurance that can be provided against each corporate risk.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

16 FOLLOW UP OF PREVIOUS AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS

Consideration was given to a report of the Service Manager, Audit and Risk Management, which had been previously circulated, monitoring departmental progress in implementing Internal Audit recommendations and identifying to members instances where additional action needs to be considered in relation to any outstanding recommendations.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

17 INTERNAL AUDIT REPORTS ISSUED JULY- SEPTEMBER 2012.

Consideration was given to a report of the Service Manager, Audit and Risk Management, which had been previously circulated, summarising the outcome of Internal Audit activity for the period July to September 2012.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

18 FRAUD AND IRREGULARITIES (VERBAL REPORT)

Members considered a verbal update from the Service Manager, Audit and Risk Management in relation to a recent fraud investigation.

RESOLVED:

That the information be noted and Officers be thanked for their involvement in the case.

19 ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT.

None.