

**MINUTES
AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Tuesday 19 March 2019

Councillor Paul Feeney (Chair)

Councillor Sandra Barnes
Councillor Chris Barnfather
Councillor Alan Bexon

Councillor Boyd Elliott
Councillor Helen Greensmith
Councillor Viv McCrossen

Absent: Councillor Bob Collis

Officers in Attendance: A Ball, A Dubberley and M Hill

19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Collis and Elliott. Councillor Bexon attended as substitute.

20 TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18 DECEMBER 2018.

RESOLVED:

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

21 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

None.

22 LOCAL CODE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE 2019/20

The Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Finance introduced a report, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, seeking approval for the revised Local Code of Corporate Governance.

RESOLVED:

To approve the Local Code of Corporate Governance for 2019/20.

23 CORPORATE RISK MANAGEMENT SCORECARD

The Service Manager Finance introduced a report, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, updating members on the current level of assurance that can be provided against each corporate risk.

RESOLVED:

To note the progress of actions identified within the Corporate Risk Register.

24 CERTIFICATION OF CLAIMS AND RETURNS - ANNUAL REPORT 2017/18

The Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Finance introduced a report, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, detailing the work done by KPMG to certify the Council's Housing Benefit Subsidy Claim for 2017/18.

RESOLVED:

To note the report.

25 MAZARS 2018/2019 EXTERNAL AUDIT PLAN

The Deputy Chief Executive and Director of Finance introduced a report, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, presenting the External Audit Plan for 2018/19. David Hoose and Anita Pipes from Mazars gave an overview of their roles.

RESOLVED:

To receive the report and accept the Mazars External Audit Plan for 2018/19 and recommend the report to Council.

26 INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT 2018/19

Iain Daire, Assistant Audit Manager (RSM), introduced a report, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, summarising the outcome of internal audit activity completed by the RSM Internal Audit Team for the period December 2018 to March 2019.

RESOLVED:

To note the report and actions taken or to be taken.

27 DRAFT INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN AND STRATEGY 2019/20 – 2021/22

Chris Williams Head of Internal Audit (RSM) introduced a report, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, reporting on planned internal audit activity for 2019/20 and a three-year strategy.

RESOLVED:

To note the report and approve the Internal Audit Plan and Strategy as documented in the report.

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ANY OTHER ITEM WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT.

None.

The meeting finished at 6.05 pm

Signed by Chair:
Date: