

**MINUTES
AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Tuesday 25 February 2025

Councillor Kyle Robinson-Payne (Chair)

Councillor Sandra Barnes	Councillor Paul Hughes
Councillor Stuart Bestwick	Councillor Alison Hunt
Councillor Helen Greensmith	Jonathan Causton

Absent: Councillor Ruth Strong

Officers in Attendance: T Adams, C Goodall and F Whyley

Guests in Attendance: Jennifer Normal – External Auditor, Mazars

32 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS

Apologies were received from Councillor Strong.

33 TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10 DECEMBER 2024

RESOLVED:

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

34 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None.

35 MAZARS EXTERNAL AUDITORS ANNUAL REPORT AND AUDIT STRATEGY AND COMPLETIONS REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

The Chief Finance and Section 151 Officer gave an overview of a report, informing members of the key findings arising from Mazars' (the Council's external auditors) audit work in respect of 2023/24.

The Internal Auditor then introduced the report.

RESOLVED to:

- 1) Note the Mazars External Audit Report for 2023/24 and refer the report to Full Council for information.
- 2) Note the Audit Strategy and Completion Report for 2023/24 and refer to Full Council for information.

36 ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT AND THE STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2023/24

The Chief Finance and Section 151 Officer gave an overview of a report, seeking approval of the Council's Annual Governance Statement and the Statement of Accounts for 2023/24.

The External Auditor then introduced the report.

RESOLVED to:

- 1) Approve the Annual Governance Statement for 2023/24 (Appendix 1).
- 2) Approve The Statement of Accounts for 2023/24 (Appendix 2).
- 3) Note the Narrative Statement on pages 3 to 18 of The Statement of Accounts for 2023/24 (Appendix 2).
- 4) Agree The Draft Letter of Representation (Appendix 3).

37 ANY OTHER ITEM WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT.

None.

The meeting finished at 6.25 pm

Signed by Chair:
Date: