

**MINUTES
AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Tuesday 27 June 2023

Councillor Kyle Robinson-Payne (Chair)

Councillor Roy Allan	Councillor Paul Hughes
Councillor Sandra Barnes	Councillor Alison Hunt
Councillor Helen Greensmith	Councillor Ruth Strong

Absent: Councillor Jim Creamer

Officers in Attendance: C Goodall and M Hill

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Creamer. Councillor Allan attended as substitute.

2 TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14 MARCH 2023

RESOLVED:

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

3 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None.

4 BDO (INTERNAL AUDIT) - PROGRESS REPORT

The Chair informed the committee that items 5, 6 and 7 on the agenda had been deferred as the reports prepared by BDO were received late and contained a number of errors, therefore he didn't feel it was beneficial to bring them to the meeting. He concluded that an extra meeting would be scheduled in July to receive those reports, so that members could read through them, digest the information and bring any questions or comments to that meeting.

5 BDO (INTERNAL AUDIT) - BUSINESS CONTINUITY AND EMERGENCY PLANNING REPORT

This item was deferred to a future meeting.

6 BDO (INTERNAL AUDIT) - DRAFT ANNUAL OPINION

This item was deferred to a future meeting.

7 MAZARS (EXTERNAL AUDIT) - AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT

The Chair moved this item forward on the agenda.

The External Auditor introduced the External Audit Progress Report for the year ended 31 March 2022 prepared by Mazars, the Council's External Auditor, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting.

RESOLVED:

To receive the Auditor's Audit Progress Report for the year ended 31 March 2022 prepared by Mazars.

8 CORPORATE RISK MANAGEMENT SCORECARD QUARTER 4 2022/23

The Chief Executive introduced the report, which had been circulated in advance of the meeting, updating members on the current level of assurance that could be provided against each corporate risk.

Following a request by Councillor Greensmith, the Chief Executive agreed to accommodate a closed session prior to a future committee meeting, in order to provide an update to committee members in relation to the ongoing alleged fraud investigation.

RESOLVED:

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

9 ANY OTHER ITEM WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT

None.

The meeting finished at 6.50 pm

Signed by Chair:
Date: