

**MINUTES
AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Tuesday 23 September 2014

Councillor Paul Feeney (Chair)

Councillor Sandra Barnes
Councillor Chris Barnfather
Councillor Bob Collis

Councillor Tony Gillam
Councillor Richard Nicholson

Apologies for absence: Councillor Nick Quilty

Officers in Attendance: M Kimberley, V Rimmington, F Whyley and A Ball

46 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Quilty.

47 TO APPROVE, AS A CORRECT RECORD, THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17 JUNE 2014.

RESOLVED:

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

48 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS.

None.

49 KPMG ANNUAL GOVERNANCE REPORT 2013/14.

Consideration was given to KPMG's Annual Governance Report 2013/14. The report was presented by Richard Walton and Thomas Tandy, representatives of KPMG, the Council's external auditors.

RESOLVED:

To note the report.

50 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2013/14.

Consideration was given to a report of the Corporate Director and Chief Financial Officer, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, seeking approval of the Council's Statement of Accounts 2013/14.

RESOLVED to:

1. Approve the Statement of Accounts for 2013/14; and
2. Note the letter of representation.

51 NFI NATIONAL REPORT SUMMARY.

Consideration was given to a report of the Service Manager, Audit and Risk Management, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, summarising the key findings of the National Fraud Initiative report issued in June 2014.

Members asked that the Service Manager, Audit and Risk Management, provide feedback to the Audit Commission regarding the clarity of the report.

RESOLVED:

To note the report.

52 CORPORATE RISK SCORE CARD.

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

Members asked that consideration be given to highlighting the difference between risk emanating from audit activity and those emanating from the risk register in future reports.

RESOLVED:

To note the report.

53 FOLLOW-UP OF AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS.

Consideration was given to a report of the Service Manager, Audit and Risk Management, which was circulated prior to the meeting, informing Members of departmental progress in the implementation of Internal Audit recommendations and identifying to Members where additional action needs to be considered in relation to any outstanding recommendations.

RESOLVED:

To note the report.

54 SUMMARY OF AUDIT ACTIVITY.

Consideration was given to a report of the Service Manager, Audit and Risk Management, which had been circulated prior to the meeting, summarising the outcome of Internal Audit activity for the period July to September 2014.

RESOLVED:

To note the report.

55 ANY OTHER ITEM WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT.

None.

Signed by Chair:
Date: