

MINUTES OF AUDIT AND ETHICS COMMITTEE

29 JULY 2021

PRESENT:

Paul Dudfield (Chairman), John Eves (Vice Chairman), Councillors Bearne, McQueen, Mistry and Ms Watson-Merret

11. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 29 June 2021 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

12. APOLOGIES

An apology for absence from the meeting was received from the Corporate Assurance and Improvement Manager.

13. HEALTH AND SAFETY PROGRESS UPDATE

The Committee considered the report of the Safety and Resilience Manager (Part 1 – Agenda Item 4) concerning a progress update in relation to:

- the internal audit review of corporate health and safety completed in April 2019;
- additional work undertaken to provide health and safety assurance;
- health and safety work undertaken in response to the Covid-19 pandemic; and
- further work planned for 2021 to improve the management of health and safety risks.

RESOLVED THAT –

- (1) the report be noted; and
- (2) a progress update be presented at a future meeting of the Committee.

14. PRE AUDITED STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2020/21

The Committee considered the report of the Chief Officer for Finance and Performance (Part 1 – Agenda Item 5) concerning the Draft Statement of Accounts 2020/21 prior to the external audit.

RESOLVED THAT – the summary of the Draft Statement of Accounts 2020/21 be noted.

15. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2020/21

The Committee considered the report of the Chief Officer for Finance and Performance (Part 1 – Agenda Item 6) concerning the governance arrangements in place during the 2020/21 financial year.

RESOLVED THAT – the Annual Governance Statement 2020/21 be approved.

16. 2021/22 INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN – PROGRESS REPORT

The Committee considered the report of the Chief Officer for Finance and Performance (Part 1 – Agenda Item 7) concerning the progress against delivery of the Internal Audit Plan for 2021/22.

RESOLVED THAT – the report be noted.

17. MOTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC UNDER SECTION 100(A)(4) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

RESOLVED THAT – under Section 100(A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of information defined in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

18. PROPERTY REPAIRS PPE INVESTIGATION

The Committee considered the private report of the Chief Officer for Finance and Performance (Part 2 – Agenda Item 1).

RESOLVED THAT –

- (1) the report be noted; and
- (2) a progress update be presented at a future meeting of the Committee.

19. WHISTLE BLOWING INCIDENTS – STANDING ITEM – TO RECEIVE ANY UPDATES

There were no issues to report.

20. FRAUD AND CORRUPTION ISSUES – STANDING ITEM – TO RECEIVE ANY UPDATES

There were no issues to report.

CHAIRMAN