

MEETING:	Audit Committee
DATE:	Wednesday, 18 March 2020
TIME:	4.00 pm
VENUE:	Reception Room, Barnsley Town Hall

AGENDA

Procedural/Administrative Items

1. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interest
2. Minutes (*Pages 5 - 10*)

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on the 22nd January, 2020.

Items for Discussion/Decision

3. Local Government Act 2003 - Section 25 Report (*Pages 11 - 16*)

The Service Director Finance will submit his Section 25 Report providing advice on aspects of the 2020/21 budget proposals. This report was submitted to the budget Council meeting held on the 27th February, 2020.

A link to the full budget papers is detailed below for information and reference purposes only:

<https://barnsleymbcintranet.moderngov.co.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=133&MIId=5844&Ver=4>

4. Corporate Financial Performance - Quarter Ended 31st December, 2019 (*Pages 17 - 24*)

The Executive Director Core Services and Service Director Finance (Section 151 Officer) will submit a report that was considered by Cabinet on the 4th March, 2020 on the financial performance of the Authority during the third quarter ending 31st December, 2019 and assessing the implications against the Council's Medium Term Financial Strategy.

5. Internal Audit Progress Report 2019/20 (*Pages 25 - 36*)

The Head of Internal Audit, Anti-Fraud and Assurance will submit a report providing a summary of the Internal Audit activity completed and the key issues arising from it for the period 1st January to 29th February, 2020.

6. Audit Committee Terms of Reference - Proposed Revisions (*Pages 37 - 42*)

The Executive Director Core Services will submit a report highlighting suggested amendments to the Committee's Terms of Reference following the review undertaken recently and recommending that these amendments be referred to the Annual Council on the 22nd May, 2020 for approval.

Items for Information

7. Changes to the Audit Market (*Pages 43 - 54*)

The External Auditor (Grant Thornton) will make a presentation regarding changes to the audit market.

8. Future Procurement and Market Supply Options Review - Final Report (*Pages 55 - 86*)

The External Auditor (Grant Thornton) will submit the final report of the Public Sector Audit Appointments (PSAA) recently commissioned independent review of the sustainability of the Local Government audit market on options for the future procurement approach in preparation for letting audit contracts for the next appointing period (the five years commencing with the audit year 2023/24).

9. Audit Committee Work Plan 2020 (*Pages 87 - 90*)

The Committee will receive the indicative Audit Committee Work Plan for January to December 2020.

10. Exclusion of the Public and Press

To consider if the public and press should be excluded from this meeting during consideration of the following items because of the likely disclosure of exempt information.

11. Indicative Internal Audit Plan 2020/21 (*Pages 91 - 98*)

The Head of Internal Audit, Anti-Fraud and Assurance will submit a report presenting the indicative Internal Audit Plan for the financial (audit) year 2020/21, describing the rationale and process for setting the plan, the risk assessment process used and how Internal audit resources are calculated and deployed.

Reason restricted:

Paragraph (7) Information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime.

To: Chair and Members of Audit Committee:-

Councillors Richardson (Chair), Barnard, P. Birkinshaw and Lofts; together with Independent members Ms K Armitage, Ms D Brown, Mr S Gill, Mr P Johnson and Mr M Marks

Chief Executive

All Executive Directors

Andrew Frostdick, Executive Director Core Services

Rob Winter, Head of Internal Audit, Anti-Fraud and Assurance

Neil Copley, Service Director Finance (Section 151 Officer)

Ian Rooth, Head of Financial Services

Michael Potter, Service Director Business Improvement and Communications

Alison Salt – Corporate Governance and Assurance Manager

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Tuesday, 10 March 2020