

MEETING:	Audit and Governance Committee
DATE:	Wednesday, 29 July 2020
TIME:	4.00 pm
VENUE:	THIS MEETING WILL BE HELD VIRTUALLY

AGENDA

Procedural/Administrative Items

1. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interest
2. Minutes (*Pages 3 - 26*)

To receive the minutes of the meetings held on the 3rd and 25th June, 2020.

Items for Discussion/Decision

3. Annual Report on Treasury Management Activities 2019/20 (*Pages 27 - 40*)

The Executive Director, Core Services and Service Director Finance (Section 151 Officer) will submit a joint report reviewing the Treasury Management activities carried out but the Council during 2019/20 in accordance with Statutory Guidance.

4. Local Code of Corporate Governance (*Pages 41 - 54*)

The Head of Internal Audit, Anti-Fraud and Assurance will submit a report seeking approval to the Local Code of Corporate Governance and for it to be published on the Council Website.

5. Internal Audit Annual Report 2019/20 (*Pages 55 - 72*)

The Head of Internal Audit, Anti-Fraud and Assurance will submit his annual report prepared in accordance with the updated Public Sector Internal Audit Standards providing his opinion on the overall adequacy and effectiveness of the Authority's Framework of Governance, Risk Management and Control based on the work undertaken by Internal Audit for 2019/20.

6. Internal Audit Progress Report - quarter ended 30th June, 2020 (*Pages 73 - 86*)

The Head of Internal Audit, Anti-Fraud and Assurance will submit a report summarising the Internal Audit activity completed, and the key issues arising from it, for the period 1st April to 30th June, 2020 and providing information regarding the performance of the Internal Audit function during that period.

7. Risk Management Update (*Pages 87 - 88*)

The Head of Internal Audit, Anti-Fraud and Assurance will submit a report updating the Committee on the development of a new approach to risk management across the Council.

Items for Information

8. External Audit Progress Report and Sector Update - July 2020 (*Pages 89 - 102*)

The Council's External Auditor (Grant Thornton) will submit a report giving details about their work as at 20th July, 2020, providing an update of the impact Covid 19 has had on working arrangements, outlining the audit deliverables for 2019/20 together with a Sector Update summarising emerging national issues and developments.

9. Audit Committee Work Plan (*Pages 103 - 106*)

The Committee will receive the indicative work plan for the Committee for the period June 2020 to March 2021.

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. Internal Audit Plan 2020/21 (*Pages 107 - 120*)

Further to Minute 65 of the meeting held on the 3rd June, 2020, the Head of Internal Audit, Anti-Fraud and Assurance will submit the revised Internal Audit Plan 2020/21.

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 and Governance 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

Shokat Lal, Executive Director Core Services

Neil Copley, Service Director Finance (Section 151 Officer)

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

Ian Rooth, Head of Financial Services

Alison Salt, Corporate Governance and Assurance Manager, Internal Audit Services

Michael Potter, Service Director Business Improvement and Communications

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