

AUDIT AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 11 January 2022 (6:15 pm – 7:13 pm)

PRESENT:

Councillor Holes (Chair); Councillors Bourne, Campbell, Irish and Park

Also in attendance: Councillors Broomfield

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Grajewski, Manning and Tennent

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RESOLVED ITEMS (SUBJECT TO QUESTIONS ONLY)

112. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest in relation to items of business on the agenda.

113. MINUTES

**RESOLVED –**

**That the Minutes of the meeting held on 23 November 2021 be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.**

114. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation on this occasion.

115. AUDIT RESULTS REPORT (EY)

Janet Dawson, Partner EY, Simon Mathers, Senior Manager EY, and Katie Lean, Assistant Manager EY, introduced the Draft Audit Results Report 2020/21.

The audit was designed to express an opinion on the 2020/21 financial statements and address current statutory and regulatory requirements.

**RESOLVED –**

**That the report be noted.**

116. AUDITOR'S ANNUAL REPORT (EY)

Janet Dawson, Partner EY, Simon Mathers, Senior Manager EY, and Katie Lean, Assistant Manager EY, introduced the Draft Auditor's Annual Report,

As the external auditors they are required to issue an annual audit letter to the Council following completion of their audit procedures for the year ended 31 March 2022.

**RESOLVED –**

**That the report be noted.**

117. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT

Item 7 on the Agenda (Annual Governance Statement) was heard after Item 8 on the Agenda (Annual Statement of Accounts 2020/21).

The Executive Head of Governance introduced the report.

**RESOLVED –**

**That the Committee APPROVED the Annual Governance Statement 2020/21.**

118. ANNUAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2020/21

Item 8 on the Agenda (Annual Statement of Accounts 2020/21) was heard ahead of Item 7 on the Agenda (Annual Governance Statement).

The Executive Head of Finance and Housing Programme introduced the Statement of Accounts 2020/21.

**RESOLVED –**

**That the Committee APPROVED the Statement of Accounts 2020/21.**

119. ACTION LIST

The Committee considered the Action List, which set out the recent decisions and subsequent actions arising from the Committee.

**It was AGREED -**

**That the Action List be noted and updated for the next meeting.**

120. CABINET FORWARD PLAN

The Committee considered the current Forward Plan of Key Decisions.

**It was AGREED -**

**That the current Forward Plan be noted.**

121. A&R WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee considered its current Work Programme.

**It was AGREED -**

**That the Work Programme be noted.**

122. EXEMPT BUSINESS

**RESOLVED -**

**(1) That, in pursuance of Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they are likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act; and**

**(2) That, in pursuance of the public interest test, the public interest in disclosing the information contained in the following item of business was outweighed by the public interest in maintaining the exemption.**

123. PROPERTY PORTFOLIO UPDATE

There was a discussion around the ethical standards and Code of Practice used in relation to the property portfolio and it was agreed that the Chief Finance Officer would have a discussion with the Strategic Planning Manager with regards to whether climate change could be incorporated into the Code.

**RESOLVED –**

**That the report be noted.**