

AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**12 November 2020**

Attendance:

Councillors

Power (Chairperson)

Bronk
Becker
Craske
GemmellGodfrey
Mather
WilliamsOthers in attendance who did not address the meeting:

Councillor Cutler (Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance and Risk)

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1. APOLOGIES AND DEPUTY MEMBERS

No apologies were received.

2. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS

Councillor Craske declared a personal but non prejudicial interest with regards to his employment with KPMG, who provided audit services to the Council. He stated that should the matter of audit be raised he would withdraw from the meeting. This matter did not arise and Councillor Craske fully participated in the meeting.

3. CHAIRPERSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairperson announced that the virtual briefing on Treasury Management for Members would be held at 10:00am on Tuesday 8 December 2020. The Strategic Director: Resources and Monitoring Officer also provided an update on the new Model Code of Conduct.

4. TO NOTE THE AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2020 2021

A Member commented that the business programmed for the March 2021 meeting appeared to be substantial and perhaps an additional meeting of the Committee might be considered by the officers in consultation with the Chairperson.

RESOLVED:

That the Audit and Governance Work Programme for 2020/21 be noted.

5. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING OF THE AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON 28 JULY 2020**

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the previous meeting held on 28 July 2020 be approved and adopted.

6. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

No members of the public had registered to speak at the meeting

7. **GOVERNANCE QUARTERLY UPDATE Q2 2020/21 AG035**

Mr Harvey and Ms Davies from Southern Internal Audit Partnership were in attendance for this item.

Members asked questions and raised comments which were responded to by the officers accordingly.

RESOLVED:

That the content of the report and the progress against the internal audit management actions be noted and that no matters be raised with the cabinet member.

8. **AUDIT RESULTS REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2019 AG039**

Mr Suter and Mr Sutterford from EY introduced the Report.

RESOLVED:

That, subject to the accounts being approved in accordance with recommendation 1 of Report AG038, the Letter of Representation (Appendix 1) be approved.

9. **ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT 2019 2020 AG038**

RESOLVED:

1. That approval of the audited Statement of Accounts 2019/20 as set out in Appendix 1, subject to amendments resulting from the completion of the auditor's outstanding work, be delegated to the Section 151 Officer in consultation with the Chairperson of the Audit and Governance Committee.

2. That, on completion of the auditors work, the Chairperson of the Audit and Governance Committee signs the Statement of Responsibilities on page 24 of Appendix 1 to certify the accounts and authorise their issue.

10. **TREASURY MANAGEMENT MID-YEAR MONITORING REPORT 2020/21 AG034**

Mr Sarfras, Principal Accountant, Hampshire County Council was in attendance for this item and presented the report.

RESOLVED:

That the Treasury Management Mid-Year Monitoring Report 2020/21 be noted.

11. **INTERNAL AUDIT EXTERNAL QUALITY ASSESSMENT 2020 AG036**

Mr Harvey and Ms Davies from Southern Internal Audit Partnership were in attendance for this item.

RESOLVED:

That the Internal Audit External Quality Assessment 2020 attached as Appendix 1 be noted.

The meeting commenced at 6.00 pm and concluded at 7.15 pm

Chairperson