

AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Thursday, 9 January 2025

Attendance:

Councillors
Morris (Chairperson)

Chamberlain
Cramoysan
Godfrey

Pinniger
Power

Other members in attendance:

Councillors Becker (Cabinet Member for Community & Engagement) and Cutler (Cabinet Member for Finance & Performance)

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1. **APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies given.

2. **DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

There were no declarations made.

3. **CHAIRPERSON'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements made.

4. **AUDIT & GOVERNANCE WORK PROGRAMME 2024/25**

RESOLVED:

That the work programme for the remainder of the 2024/25 municipal year be noted.

5. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

In response to a member's query, the Director (Finance) confirmed that an update of the IT server issues that occurred in November would be included within the next governance quarterly monitoring report, scheduled for 25 February 2025.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the previous meeting held 22 November 2024 be agreed as a correct record.

6. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no members of the public present.

7. **CERTIFICATION OF CLAIMS & RETURNS ANNUAL REPORT 2024/25**
(AG150)

The Service Lead – Revenues and Benefits introduced the report and responded to members' questions thereon.

Members requested that the Benefits Team be congratulated on their success in achieving a positive annual report year on year.

RESOLVED:

That the Annual Report as set out as Appendix 1 to the report be noted.

8. **IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GLOBAL INTERNAL AUDIT STANDARDS**
(AG151)

Antony Harvey (SIAP) introduced the report and responded to members' questions thereon. Members were also reminded that the role and responsibilities of the Internal Audit service was contained within the Internal Audit Charter which was submitted to the committee on an annual basis.

RESOLVED:

That the pending implementation of the Global Internal Audit Standards be noted.

9. **LOCAL CODE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**
(AG152)

The Senior Policy and Programme Manager introduced the report and drew members' attention to paragraph 11.12 which outlined the main changes since the previous year.

RESOLVED:

That the Local Code of Corporate Governance 2025 be approved as set out in Appendix 1 of the report.

10. **DISPENSATION REQUEST - COUNTY COUNCIL & CITY COUNCIL "DUAL HATTERS"**
(AG153)

The Director (Legal) introduced the report and responded to members' questions thereon. He advised that a report would be submitted to a future meeting outlining a proposal for the granting of future dispensation requests without the need for them to be considered by the full committee.

RESOLVED:

That a dispensation be granted for a period of up to four years, or for the time each Councillor remains a County Councillor, whichever is longest to Councillors Porter, Tod, Wallace, Warwick, and Williams

The meeting commenced at 6.30 pm and concluded at 7.20 pm

Chairperson