

AUDIT SUB-COMMITTEE

24th March 2021

PRESENT:-

Labour Group

Councillor Dunn (Chairman) and Councillor Shepherd (Vice Chairman).

Conservative Group

Councillors Atkin and Hewlett.

Non-Grouped

Councillor Mrs. Wheelton

AS/49 **APOLOGIES**

The Sub-Committee was informed that no Members had submitted apologies.

AS/50 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Sub-Committee was informed that no declarations of interest had been received.

AS/51 **TO RECEIVE ANY QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO.10**

The Sub-Committee was informed that no questions from members of the public had been received.

AS/52 **TO RECEIVE ANY QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO.11**

The Sub-Committee was informed that no questions from Members of the Council had been received.

MATTERS DELEGATED

AS/53 **INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT**

The Internal Audit Officer presented the report informing the Sub-Committee of progress during the period since the last meeting and highlighted salient points from the Audit Dashboard and gave a brief overview of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee consultation audit .

Members raised queries regarding the Fire and Electrical Safety and the Safeguarding Audits. Members also requested details of works carried out on fire doors at Council flats and the payment arrangements for Trade Waste.

The Head of Housing confirmed that the Fire and Electrical Safety Audit had been behind on progress due the contract start date but the backlog of work had been completed. The Sub-Committee was informed that two recommendations had been completed in the Safeguarding Audit with a further three awaiting implementation and that works on fire doors was to the door furniture. The Strategic Director (Corporate Resources) clarified that Trade Waste was billed in arrears.

RESOLVED:-

- 1.1** *That the report of the Audit Manager was considered, and any issues identified would be referred to the Finance and Management Committee or subject to a follow-up report as appropriate.*

AS/54 **INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN AND CHARTER 2021-22**

The Internal Audit Officer presented the report to the Sub-committee advising that the Audits that had not been completed due to Covid-19 were included in the plan with revised action dates.

The Chairman sought clarification in respect of the Procurement Audit scheduled for completion in quarter four. The Internal Audit Officer confirmed that the recommendations of the recent audit would be followed up as scheduled in next year's plan.

RESOLVED:-

- 1.1** *That the proposed Internal Audit Plan for 2021/22 was considered and approved for implementation, subject to any changes agreed by the Sub-Committee.*

AS/55 **COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME**

The Strategic Director (Corporate Resources) presented the Committee Work Programme to Members.

RESOLVED:-

The Committee considered and approved the updated work programme.

AS/56 **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 (AS AMENDED BY THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT [ACCESS TO INFORMATION] ACT 1985)**

RESOLVED:-

That in accordance with Section 100 (A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the Meeting as it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that there would be disclosed exempt information as defined in the paragraph of Part I of the Schedule 12A of the Act indicated in the header to each report on the Agenda.

AS/57 **EXEMPT QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL PURSUANT TO COUNCIL PROCEDURE RULE NO.11**

The Sub-Committee was informed that no questions from Members of the Council had been received.

The Meeting terminated at 7.30 PM.

COUNCILLOR DUNN

CHAIRMAN