

AUDIT SUB-COMMITTEE

18th December 2013

PRESENT:-

Conservative Group

Councillor Harrison (Chairman), Councillor Mrs. Hood.

Labour Group

Councillor Dunn

AS/12. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence from the Meeting were received from Councillors Ford (Vice-Chairman) (Conservative Group) and Shepherd (Labour Group)

MATTERS DELEGATED TO SUB-COMMITTEE

AS/13. **INTERNAL AUDIT – QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT**

A progress report was provided detailing the performance and activity of Internal Audit between between 1st September 2013 and 30th November 2013.

Members expressed concern that some items on the progress report appeared to be behind target. Adrian Manifold confirmed that all actions were expected to be completed.

The Officer responded to further questions from Members and gave an explanation on the new system of ranking risks from low to critical.

Members queried why the Leisure Management Contract had not yet been completed. The Director of Finance and Corporate Services responded that there were a few issues still to be resolved, therefore the finalisation of the contract had been postponed until the 31st January 2014. It was requested that a report be sent back to Audit Sub Committee if the contract had not been completed by this date.

RESOLVED:-

That the report of the Audit Manager be received.

AS/14. **PUBLIC SECTOR INTERNAL AUDIT STANDARDS – PROPOSED AUDIT CHARTER**

A report was submitted by The Central Midlands Audit Partnership on the proposed Audit Charter.

In accordance with the Public Sector Audit Partnership, which came into force on 1st April 2013, the report set out the proposed charter. It was noted that the report was presented to the Partnership Board earlier in December.

Members asked questions on the whistle blowing policy and further information was provided.

RESOLVED:-

That the report be noted.

AS/15. **PUBLIC SECTOR INTERNAL AUDIT STANDARDS - QUALITY ASSURANCE & IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME**

A report was submitted by The Central Midlands Audit Partnership to provide the Sub-Committee with information on a new Quality Assurance and Improvement Programme for internal audit in accordance with the Public Sector Audit Standards that came into force on 1st April 2013.

The report outlined the main changes to the regime and contained information that set out how the new system worked.

RESOLVED:-

That the report be noted.

AS/16. **LOCAL CODE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE – REVIEW OF WORK PLAN 2013/14**

A report was submitted by the Monitoring Officer to give Members a 6 monthly update on progress associated with updating and strengthening the Councils Corporate Governance arrangements.

Members discussed the on-going review of Member training and development.

RESOLVED:-

That the report be noted.

J. HARRISON

CHAIRMAN

The Meeting terminated at 5.05 p.m.