



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON 27th SEPTEMBER 2012

PRESENT: Councillor M Gant (Chair), Councillors M Couchman, K Gant, J Garner, S People, P Seekings and M Thurgood

Officers John Wheatley (Executive Director Corporate Services), Jane Hackett (Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer), Stefan Garner (Director of Finance) and Angela Struthers (Head of Internal Audit Services)

Visitors James Cook (Audit Commission)
Joan Barnett (Audit Commission)

18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

19 APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR

RESOLVED: That Councillor J Garner be appointed as Vice-Chair.

(Moved by Councillor M Gant and seconded by Councillor K Gant)

20 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 28 June 2012 were approved and signed as a correct record.

(Moved by Councillor M Gant and seconded by Councillor P Seeking)

21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

22 ANNUAL GOVERNANCE REPORT

The Audit Commission gave a presentation on their Annual Governance Report. This was the last report from the Audit Commission as the next report will be from Grant Thornton. The headline message is a clean audit report containing the best value for money conclusion in the last 4 years.

(Moved by Councillor S Peaple and seconded by Councillor J Garner)

23 ANNUAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2011/12

The report of Executive Director Corporate Services seeking approval of the Statements of Accounts for the financial year ended 31 March 2012 following completion of the external audit was considered.

RESOLVED: That Members approved the Annual Statement of Accounts 2011/12
(Moved by Councillor M Gant and seconded by Councillor S Peaple)

24 REVIEW OF TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2012/13 & ANNUAL REPORT ON THE TREASURY MANAGEMENT SERVICE AND ACTUAL PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS 2011/12

The report of the Director of Finance seeking to review the Treasury Management Strategy Statement, Minimum Revenue Provision Statement and Annual Investment Statement 2012/13 and Annual Report on the Treasury Management Services and Actual Prudential Indicators 2011/12 approved by Council on 28 February 2012 and 11 September 2012 respectively was considered.

RESOLVED: That Members considered the Treasury Management Reports, as detailed within the reports, and highlighted changes for recommendation to Cabinet.

(Moved by Councillor S Peaple and seconded by Councillor M Gant)

25 INTERNAL AUDIT QUARTERLY REPORT 2012/13

The report of the Head of Internal Audit Services reporting on the outcome of Internal Audit's review of the internal control, risk management and governance framework in the 1st quarter of 2012/13 was considered.

RESOLVED: That the Committee endorsed the quarterly report.

(Moved by Councillor M Gant and seconded by Councillor M Thurgood)

26 FRAUD AND CORRUPTION UPDATE REPORT

The report of the Head of Internal Audit Services providing Members with an update of Counter Fraud work completed to date during the financial year 2012/13 was considered.

- RESOLVED:** That:
- 1 The Committee endorsed the updated Counter Fraud Work Plan, and;
 - 2 The Committee endorsed the Fraud Risk Register.
(Moved by Councillor M Gant and seconded by Councillor S Peaple)

27 REGULATION OF INVESTIGATORY POWERS ACT 2000

The report of the Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer was considered

- RESOLVED:** That the Audit and Governance Committee endorse the quarterly RIPA monitoring report.
(Moved by Councillor S Peaple and seconded by Councillor K Gant)

28 LOCAL GOVERNMENT OMBUDSMAN'S ANNUAL REVIEW AND REPORT 2011/12

The report of the Solicitor to the Council and Monitoring Officer advising the Committee of the views of the Local Government Ombudsman in relation to complaints against the Borough Council and providing an opportunity for members of the Committee to raise any issues they consider appropriate and considering the effectiveness of investigations relating to Tamworth Borough Council was considered.

- RESOLVED:** That:
- 1 The Committee endorsed the Annual Review Letter, and;
 - 2 The Committee endorsed the Annual Report
(Moved by Councillor S Peaple and seconded by Councillor M Gant)

Chair