



MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON 27th JUNE 2023

PRESENT: Councillors B Clarke, S Daniels, S Doyle, B Price and R Pritchard

Officers Joanne Goodfellow (Assistant Director Finance),
Andrew Wood (Audit Manager), Tracey Pointon (Legal
Admin & Democratic Services Manager) and Tracey
Smith (Democratic Services Assistant)

Visitors Wiliam Guest (Grant Thornton)
Laureline Griffiths (Grant Thornton)

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors D Maycock and P Thurgood

2 APPOINTMENT OF THE VICE-CHAIR

RESOLVED that Councillor B Price was elected as Vice-Chair of the Committee.

(Moved by Councillor S Doyle and seconded by Councillor R Pritchard)

3 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 20th April 2023 were approved and signed as a correct record.

(Moved by Councillor S Doyle and seconded by Councillor B Clarke)

4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no Declarations of Interest.

5 AUDITOR'S ANNUAL REPORT

External Auditor's, Grant Thornton, presented their Annual Report 2021/22.

RESOLVED: That Committee endorsed the report.

*(Moved by Councillor R Pritchard and seconded by
Councillor S Doyle)*

6 EXTERNAL AUDIT PLAN

External Auditor's, Grant Thornton, presented their Audit Report for the Year Ending 31 March 2023.

RESOLVED: That Committee adopt the report.

*(Moved by Councillor R Pritchard and seconded by
Councillor S Doyle)*

7 INTERNAL AUDIT ANNUAL REPORT AND QUARTERLY UPDATE

Report of the Audit Manager of Internal Audit's Annual Report (Appendix 1), which includes results for Quarter 4 to 31st March 2023.

RESOLVED: That the Committee endorsed the Internal Audit's Annual Report (Appendix 1), which includes the results for the Quarter 4 to 31 March 2023.

*(Moved by Councillor R Pritchard and seconded by
Councillor B Clarke)*

8 ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT AND CODE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

Report of the Chief Executive to submit the refreshed Annual Governance Statement and Code of Corporate Governance for Audit & Governance Committee's approval.

RESOLVED: That the proposed be approved by the Committee:

1. The Annual Governance Statement (for inclusion in the annual statement of accounts) at Appendix 1; and
2. Code of Corporate Governance at Appendix 2.

*(Moved by Councillor R Pritchard and seconded by Councillor B
Clarke)*

9 RISK MANAGEMENT QUARTERLY UPDATE QT4 2022/23

Report of the Assistant Director, Finance to report on the Risk Management process and progress for Quarter 4 of the 2022/23 financial year.

RESOLVED: That the Committee endorsed the Corporate Risk Register.

(Moved by Councillor B Clarke and seconded by Councillor S Doyle)

10 AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE TIMETABLE

The Committee reviewed the timetable, there were no changes

11 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED: That members of the press and public be now excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item on the grounds that the business involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

(Moved by Councillor S Doyle and seconded by Councillor B Clarke)

12 FHSF RISK

Report of the Assistant Director, Growth & Regeneration to update the Committee on FHSF Risks.

RESOLVED: That the Committee

1. Endorsed the report; and
2. Endorsed the risk register.

(Moved by Councillor R Pritchard and seconded by Councillor S Doyle)

Chair