

Cherwell District Council

Accounts, Audit and Risk Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the Accounts, Audit and Risk Committee held at Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury, OX15 4AA, on 21 November 2018 at 7.30 pm

Present: Councillor Mike Kerford-Byrnes (Chairman)
Councillor Sean Gaul (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Hugo Brown
Councillor Nicholas Mawer
Councillor Tom Wallis

Substitute Members: Councillor Barry Richards (In place of Councillor Sean Woodcock)
Councillor Barry Wood (In place of Councillor Ian Corkin)

Also Present: Councillor Tony Ilott, Lead Member – Financial Management and Governance
Anand Persaud, Audit Manager, CW Audit Services

Apologies for absence: Councillor Hannah Banfield
Councillor Ian Corkin
Councillor Sean Woodcock

Officers: Adele Taylor, Executive Director: Finance and Governance (Interim) & Section 151 Officer
Kelly Watson, Deputy Section 151 Officer
Aaron Hetherington, Democratic and Elections Officer

39 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

40 Petitions and Requests to Address the Meeting

There were no petitions or requests to address the meeting.

41 Urgent Business

There were no items of urgent business.

42 **Minutes**

The Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 12 September 2018 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

43 **Chairman's Announcements**

There were no Chairman's announcements.

44 **External Audit: Annual Audit Letter 2017/18 and Internal Audit Progress Report**

The Executive Director, Finance and Governance submitted a report which sought consideration of the Ernst and Young LLP Annual Audit Letter, which included comments on the external audit of the 2017/18 Statement of Accounts. The report also presented the CW Audit Internal Audit Progress Report 2018/19.

Resolved

- (1) That having given due consideration the key issues raised in the Annual Audit Letter 2017/18 be noted.
- (2) That having given due consideration key issues raised in the Internal Audit Report 2018/19 be noted.

45 **Monthly Performance, Risk and Finance Monitoring Report - September 2018**

The Assistant Director, Performance and Transformation and the Assistant Director, Finance and Procurement submitted a report which summarised the Council's Performance, Risk and Finance monitoring position as at the end of each month.

Resolved

- (1) That the monthly Performance, Risk and Finance Monitoring Report be noted.
- (2) That having given due consideration, the Leadership Risk Register be noted and no issues be identified for further consideration.

46 **Treasury Management Report - October 2018**

The Executive Director, Finance and Governance submitted a report which presented information on treasury management performance and compliance with treasury management policy for 2018/19 as required by the Treasury Management Code of Practice.

Resolved

- (1) That the contents of the October 2018 Treasury Management Report be noted.

47 **Work Programme**

The Committee considered its work programme.

Resolved

- (1) That the work programme be noted

48 **Exclusion of Press and Public**

Resolved

That under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that, if the public and press were present, it would be likely that exempt information falling under the provisions of Schedule 12A, Part I, Paragraphs 3 and 7 would be disclosed to them, and that in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

49 **Corporate Fraud**

The Senior Investigation Officer submitted an exempt report which provided an overview of the current progress of the Authority's counter fraud response following the delegation of authority in July 2018 to Oxford City Council.

Resolved

- (1) That the exempt report be noted.

50 **Treasury Management Report - October 2018 - Exempt Appendix**

Resolved

- (1) That the exempt appendix be noted.

The meeting ended at 8.38 pm

Chairman:

Date: