

Summary of the Decisions Taken at the Meeting of Accounts, Audit and Risk Committee held on 29 July 2020

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7	Monthly Performance, Risk and Finance Monitoring Report - Quarter 4 / March 2020 Report of Assistant Director of Finance and Head of Insight and Corporate Programmes Purpose of report This report summarises the Council's Performance, Risk and Finance monitoring position as at the end of each month. Recommendations The meeting is recommended:	Resol (1)	That the monthly Performance, Risk and Finance Monitoring Report be noted.
	1.1 To note the monthly Performance, Risk and Finance Monitoring Report.		
8	Internal Audit Annual Report and Opinion 2019/20 Report of the Director of Finance Purpose of report To receive the Internal Audit Annual Report, which provides the Head of Internal Audit's opinion and also summarises the activities of Internal Audit for the period 1st April 2019 to 31st March 2020. Recommendations The meeting is recommended to: 1.1 note and receive the Head of Internal Audit's Annual Report and opinion.	Resol (1)	ved That the Head of Internal Audit's Annual Report and opinion be noted

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9	Internal Audit Strategy and Plan 2020/21 Report of the Director of Finance Purpose of report The report presents the Internal Audit Strategy and Plan for 2020/21. Recommendations The meeting is recommended to: 1.1 note and comment on the Internal Audit Strategy and Plan for 2020/21.	Resolved (1) That, having given due consideration the Internal Audit Strategy and Plan for 2020/21 be noted.	
10	Internal Audit Charter 2020/21	Resolved	
	Report of the Director of Finance Purpose of report	(1) That, having given due consideration the Internal Audit Charter be approved.	
	This report presents the Internal Audit Charter and Internal Audit Quality Assurance Programme for 2020/21.	(2) That the Quality Assurance and Improvement Programme be noted.	
	Recommendations		
	The meeting is recommended to:		
	1.1 Approve the Internal Audit Charter.		
	1.2 Note the Quality Assurance and Improvement Programme.		
11	Counter Fraud Progress Update	Resolved	
	Report of the Director of Finance Purpose of report	(1) That the progress of the work of the Corporate Fraud team be noted.	
	This report provides an update of the activity being undertaken to prevent and counter fraud across the Council's	(2) That the future work plans and arrangements during 2020/21 and beyond be noted	
	services, along with seeking approval of three related and updated policy statements.	(3) That, having given due consideration the updated Whistle Blowing Policy, Money Laundering	
	Recommendations The meeting is recommended to:	Policy and Anti-Fraud and Corruption Policy be approved.	
	The meeting is recommended to:		

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	Review and note the current progress of the work of the Corporate Fraud team		
	1.2 Consider future work plans and arrangements during 2020/21 and beyond		
	1.3 Approve the updated Whistle Blowing Policy, Money Laundering Policy and Anti-Fraud and Corruption Policy.		
12	Accounts and External Audit	Resolved	
	Update including Audit Fees 2019/20 (Verbal Update_	(1) That the verbal update be noted.	
	Verbal update by Director of Finance and Ernst & Young, External Audit.		
13	2019/20 Treasury Management	Resolved	
	Annual Report	(1) That the contents of the report in	
	Report of the Director of Finance	line with the Treasury Management Strategy be noted.	
	Purpose of report		
	This report presents information on treasury management performance and compliance with treasury management policy during 2019/20 as required by the Treasury Management Code of Practice.		
	Recommendations		
	The meeting is recommended:		
	1.1 To note the contents of this report in line with the Treasury Management Strategy.		
14	Work Programme	Resolved	
	To consider and review the Work Programme.	(1) That, subject to the addition of Housing Benefit Subsidy report being added to the September agenda and an informal briefing on the Statement of Accounts in August, the work programme be noted.	