



Committee: Accounts, Audit and Risk Committee

Date: Wednesday 20 January 2021

Time: 6.30 pm

Venue: Virtual meeting

Membership

**Councillor Mike Kerford-
Byrnes (Chairman)**

Councillor Hannah Banfield
Councillor Conrad Copeland
Councillor Tom Wallis

Councillor Hugo Brown (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Nathan Bignell
Councillor Nicholas Mawer
Councillor Sean Woodcock

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence and Notification of Substitute Members

2. Declarations of Interest

Members are asked to declare any interest and the nature of that interest which they may have in any of the items under consideration at this meeting.

3. Petitions and Requests to Address the Meeting

The Chairman to report on any requests to submit petitions or to address the meeting.

4. Minutes (Pages 5 - 10)

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 18 November 2020.

5. Chairman's Announcements

To receive communications from the Chairman.

6. Urgent Business

The Chairman to advise whether they have agreed to any item of urgent business being admitted to the agenda.

7. Progress of Counter Fraud Service (Pages 11 - 16)

Report of the Senior Investigation Officer – Corporate Fraud Team

Purpose of report

The report provides 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.

Recommendations

The Audit Committee is recommended to:

- 1.1 Review and note the current performance of the Corporate Fraud team
- 1.2 Consider future work plans as described and the impact that this will have on future performance and income to the authority.

8. Internal Audit 2020/21 Progress Report (Pages 17 - 34)

Report of the Director of Finance

Purpose of report

The report presents the Internal Audit Progress report for 2020/21

Recommendations

The meeting is recommended:

- 1.1 To note the progress with the 2020/21 Internal Audit Plan and the outcome of the completed audits.
- 1.2 To review recommended best practice within CIPFA Audit Committee Guidance (2018) and agree additions to the AARC work programme.

9. Capital, Investment and Treasury Management Strategies 2021-22 (Pages 35 - 68)

Report of the Director of Finance

Purpose of report

To submit the draft Capital and Investment Strategy and Treasury Management Strategy for 2021-22.

Recommendations

The meeting is recommended:

1.1 To recommend the draft strategies for 2021-22 to Council.

10. 2019/20 Accounts

Verbal Update by the Director of Finance.

11. Work Programme (Pages 69 - 70)

To consider and review the Work Programme.

Information about this Meeting

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence should be notified to democracy@cherwell-dc.gov.uk or 01295 221554 prior to the start of the meeting.

Declarations of Interest

Members are asked to declare interests at item 2 on the agenda or if arriving after the start of the meeting, at the start of the relevant agenda item.

Local Government and Finance Act 1992 – Budget Setting, Contracts & Supplementary Estimates

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Queries Regarding this Agenda

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