

Committee: Accounts, Audit and Risk Committee

Date: Wednesday 24 January 2018

Time: 6.30 pm

Venue: Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury, OX15 4AA

Membership

Councillor Ian Corkin (Chairman) Councillor Hugo Brown (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Sean Gaul Councillor Mike Kerford-Byrnes

Councillor Nicholas Mawer Councillor Barry Richards
Councillor Tom Wallis 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. Urgent Business

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

5. Minutes (Pages 1 - 6)

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 22 November 2017.

6. Chairman's Announcements

To receive communications from the Chairman.

7. Draft Treasury Management Strategy 2018-19 (Pages 7 - 10)

** Please note Appendix 1 is to follow as it is currently being reviewed and finalised**

Report of the Chief Finance Officer

Purpose of report

To submit the draft Treasury Management Strategy Statement for 2018-19.

Recommendations

The meeting is recommended:

1.1 To note and comment on the draft Treasury Management Strategy Statement for 2018-19.

8. Treasury Management Mid-Year Report for the 6 months ended 30 September 2017 (Pages 11 - 20)

Report of the Chief Finance Officer

Purpose of report

To receive information on treasury management performance and compliance with treasury management policy for 2017-18 as required by the Treasury Management Code of Practice.

This report would normally be presented in November, but was postponed to a later date.

The Council's 2017-18 Treasury Management Strategy was revised in December 2017 so future reports will correspond to the new strategy, but this report corresponds to the original strategy that was in place at 30 September 2017.

Recommendations

The meeting is recommended:

1.1 To note the contents of the mid-year Treasury Management Report.

9. Internal Audit Progress Report (Pages 21 - 32)

Executive Director of Finance & Governance

Purpose of report

1.1 The purpose of the report is to brief the Committee on the work carried out by the Internal Audit Service during the current financial year 2017/18.

Recommendations

- 2.1 To note the contents of the Internal Audit progress report (Appendix 1);
- 2.2 To note and comment upon the actions set out in paragraph 4 to address control weaknesses identified by internal audit.

10. Statement of Accounts and External Audit Update

** Please note Statement of Accounts and External Audit Update is to follow as it is currently being reviewed and finalised**

11. **Quarter Two Risk Review 2017-18** (Pages 33 - 50)

Report of Director - Strategy and Commissioning

Purpose of report

To update the Committee on the management of Strategic risks during quarter two of 2017/18.

Recommendations

The meeting is recommended to:

- 1.1 Review the full Strategic Risk Register for 2017/18 and identify any issues for further consideration or referral to Executive.
- 1.2 Note the risk exceptions highlighted

12. Work Programme (Pages 51 - 52)

To consider and review the Work Programme.

Councillors are requested to collect any post from their pigeon hole in the Members Room at the end of the meeting.

Information about this Meeting

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Declarations of Interest

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