



Committee:	Accounts, Audit and Risk Committee
Date:	Wednesday 25 May 2022
Time:	6.30 pm
Venue:	Bodicote House, Bodicote, Banbury, Oxon OX15 4AA
Membership	Membership will be confirmed at the Annual Council Meeting on 18 May 2022

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 16 March and of the meeting of the Committee held on 18 May 2022 (to follow).

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. 2021/22 Accounting Policies (Pages 11 - 38)

Report of the Assistant Director of Finance (S151 Officer)

Purpose of report

To ask the Committee to review and approve the Accounting Policies for inclusion in the 2021/22 Statement of Accounts.

Recommendations

The meeting is recommended:

- 1.1 To approve the accounting policies as approved by the Chief Finance Officer (Appendix 1).

8. Annual Governance Statement 2021/22 (Pages 39 - 64)

Report of Interim Monitoring Officer

Purpose of report

To inform the Committee on the Annual Governance Review process and enable the Committee to fulfil its responsibilities associated with the publication of the Council's Annual Governance Statement 2021/22

Recommendations

The meeting is recommended:

- 1.1 to approve the Annual Governance Statement 2021/22, subject to the Monitoring Officer making any necessary amendments in the light of comments made by the Committee, after consultation with the Leader of the Council, the Chief Executive and the Section 151 officer.
- 1.2 authorise the Leader of the Council and the Chief Executive to sign the Annual Governance Statement on behalf of Cherwell District Council.

9. Local Code of Corporate Governance (Pages 65 - 80)

Report of Interim Monitoring Officer

Purpose of report

To provide an opportunity for the review of the Local Code of Corporate Governance

Recommendations

The meeting is recommended:

- 1.1 To approve the Local Code of Corporate Governance (Appendix 1).

10. Annual Report of the Chief Internal Auditor 2021/22 (Pages 81 - 102)

Report of the Chief Internal Auditor

Purpose of report

This is the annual report of the Chief Internal Auditor, summarising the outcome of the Internal Audit work in 2021/22, and providing an opinion on the Council's System of Internal Control.

Recommendations

The meeting is recommended to:

- 1.1 Consider and endorse this annual report.

11. Internal Audit Strategy and Plan 2022/23 (Pages 103 - 116)

Report of the Assistant Director of Finance

Purpose of report

The report presents the Internal Audit Strategy and Plan for 2022/23.

Recommendations

The meeting is recommended:

- 1.1 To note and comment on the Internal Audit Strategy and Plan for 2022/23.

12. Work Programme (Pages 117 - 118)

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

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

Members are reminded that any member who is two months in arrears with Council Tax must declare the fact and may speak but not vote on any decision which involves budget setting, extending or agreeing contracts or incurring expenditure not provided for in the agreed budget for a given year and could affect calculations on the level of Council Tax.

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Queries Regarding this Agenda

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