

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE HELD AT COUNCIL OFFICES,
BUSHLOE HOUSE, STATION ROAD, WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE, LE18 2DR ON
TUESDAY, 4 JULY 2023 COMMENCING AT 6.00 PM**

PRESENT

K J Loydall Chair



Meeting ID: 2507

COUNCILLORS

G A Boulter
C S Gore
P Joshi
J Kaufman
I K Ridley

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

B Bull	Head of Finance / Deputy Section 151 Officer
A Hunt	Democratic & Electoral Services Officer
S Khan	Interim Strategic Director / Section 151 Officer
G Patterson	External Auditor
M Watkins	Head of Internal Audit

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Ms R Deo	CW Audit Services
G Patterson	Grant Thornton UK LLP
M Watkins	360 Assurance

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Mrs S Z Haq.

2. APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTES

None.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

By affirmation of the meeting, it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 19 April 2023 be taken as read, confirmed and signed.

5. ACTION LIST ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

None.

6. PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

None.

7. INTERNAL AUDIT ANNUAL REPORT & OPINION (2022/23)

The Committee gave consideration to the report and appendix (as set at pages 6 - 17 of the agenda reports pack) which provided the Committee with the Internal Auditors Annual Report and Opinion for 2022/23.

By affirmation of the meeting, it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

The report included on the audit opinion and the adequacy and effectiveness of the Council's arrangements for governance, risk management and internal control (as set out at Appendix 1) be noted.

8. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (2022/23)

The Committee gave consideration to the report and appendix (as set at pages 18 - 80 of the agenda reports pack) which asked the Committee to approve the draft Annual Governance Statement 2022/23.

It was moved by the Chair, seconded by Councillor G A Boulter and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

Members approve the Council's Annual Governance Statement for 2022/23.

9. STRATEGIC RISK UPDATE (2023/24)

The Committee gave consideration to the report and appendix (as set out on pages 81 - 90 of the agenda pack) which presented present the Strategic Risk Register to Committee for information.

By affirmation of the meeting, it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

The report and Strategic Risk Register (as set out at Appendix 1) be considered.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.15 pm