

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE HELD AT/BY COUNCIL OFFICES,
BUSHLOE HOUSE, STATION ROAD, WIGSTON, LEICESTERSHIRE, LE18 2DR ON
WEDNESDAY, 22 JUNE 2022 COMMENCING AT 6.00 PM**

PRESENT

K J Loydall Chair



Meeting ID: 2228

COUNCILLORS

G A Boulter
Miss P V Joshi
J Kaufman
Mrs L Kaufman
D W Loydall

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

T Bingham Strategic Director / Section 151 Officer
C Campbell Head of Finance / Deputy Section 151 Officer
C Eyre Housing Manager
D M Gill Head of Law & Democracy / Monitoring Officer
A Hunt Democratic & Electoral Services Officer

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

P Harvey Grant Thornton UK LLP
G Patterson Grant Thornton UK LLP
M Watkins CW Audit Services

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Mrs S B Morris.

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 30 March 2022 be taken as read, confirmed and signed.

5. ACTION LIST ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

None.

6. PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

None.

7. INFORMING THE AUDIT RISK ASSESSMENT (2020/21)

The Committee gave consideration to the report and appendix (as set out on pages 7 – 37 of the agenda pack) which updated Members on the progress of the external audit 2020/21 Statement of Accounts made up to 31 March 2021.

It was moved by the Chair, seconded by Councillor D W Loydall and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

The Committee reviews, notes and approves the 2020/21 Informing the Audit Risk Assessment for the year ended 31 March 2021.

8. AUDIT FINDINGS REPORT (2020/21)

By affirmation of the meeting, it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

The Audit Findings Report (2020/21) be deferred to the extraordinary Audit Committee meeting on Monday, 4 July 2022 at 6.00 pm

9. DRAFT LETTER OF REPRESENTATION

By affirmation of the meeting, it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

The Draft Letter of Representation be deferred to the extraordinary Audit Committee meeting on Monday, 4 July 2022 at 6.00 pm.

10. STRATEGIC RISK UPDATE (2022/23)

The Committee gave consideration to the report and appendices (as set out on pages 38 - 55 of the agenda pack) which presented the Operational and Strategic Risk Registers for information.

By affirmation of the meeting, it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

The report and Operational and Strategic Risk Registers (as set out in Appendices 1 and 2) be considered.

11. INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT (JUNE 2022)

The Committee gave consideration to the report and appendix (as set out in pages 56 - 67 in the agenda reports pack) which gave members a final update on Internal Audit's progress on delivering the 2021/22 audit plan and audit work undertaken since the last

update in March 2022.

By affirmation of the meeting, it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

The Internal Auditors report be noted.

12. INTERNAL AUDIT ANNUAL REPORT AND OPINION (2021/22)

The Committee gave consideration to the report and appendix (as set out in pages 68 - 80 in the agenda reports pack) which provided the Committee with the Internal Auditors Annual Report and Opinion for 2021/22.

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.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.31 pm



Chair / Vice-Chair

Monday, 4 July 2022

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