MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE HELD AT CIVIC SUITE 2, BROCKS HILL COUNCIL OFFICES, WASHBROOK LANE, OADBY, LEICESTER, LE2 5JJ ON WEDNESDAY, 24 JANUARY 2024 COMMENCING AT 6.00 PM

PRESENT

K J Loydall Chair

COUNCILLORS

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

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

S J Ball	Legal & Democratic Services Manager / Deputy Monitoring Officer
B Bull	Head of Finance / Section 151 Officer
A Hunt	Democratic & Electoral Services Officer
S Khan	Interim Strategic Director

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

Ms R Deo	360 Assurance
G Patterson	Grant Thornton UK LLP

21. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

22. APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTES

None.

23. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

24. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

By affirmation of the meeting, it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 04 October 2023 be taken as read, confirmed and approved.

25. ACTION LIST ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

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None.

26. <u>PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS</u>

None

27. INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS UPDATE (JANUARY 2024)

The Committee gave consideration to the report and appendix (as set at pages 6 - 24 of the agenda reports pack) which updated members on Internal Audit's progress on delivering the 2023/24 Audit Plan.

By affirmation of the meeting, it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

The progress made in delivering the 2023/24 Audit Plan be noted.

28. STRATEGIC RISK UPDATE (2023/24)

The Committee gave consideration to the report and appendix (as set out on pages 25 - 32 of the agenda pack) which presented the Strategic Risk Register (2023/24) to Committee for information.

By affirmation of the meeting, it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

The report and Strategic Risk Register (2023/24) (as set out at Appendix 1) be considered and noted.

29. <u>AUDIT COMMITTEE SELF ASSESSMENT</u>

The Committee gave consideration to the report and appendices (as set out on pages 33 - 48 of the agenda pack) which informed members of the Self-Assessment exercise undertaken against the CIPFA Position Statement: Audit Committees in Local Authorities and Police 2022 – A Self-Assessment of Good Practice.

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

i) The content of the report and appendices be noted; and

ii) The findings within the self-assessment and the action plan be agreed.

30. INTERIM ANNUAL REPORT FOR 2022/23 AND KEY RECOMMENDATION 2023/24

The Committee gave consideration to the report and appendices (as set out on pages 49 - 92 of the agenda pack) which presented the External Auditors Interim Annual Report for 2022/23 and an Immediate Annual Report for 2023/24 Key Recommendation.

It was moved by the Chair, seconded by Councillor J Kaufman and

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UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

i) The content of the report and appendices be noted; and

ii) The report and appendices be recommended to be noted by Full Council.

31. EXTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT AND ANNUAL AUDIT PLAN FOR 2022/23

The Committee gave consideration to the report and appendices (as set out on pages 5 - 68 of the agenda update pack) which presented the External Auditor's 2022/23 Audit Plan and Progress Report.

By affirmation of the meeting, it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

The content of the report and appendices be noted.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.18 pm