

**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, 10 APRIL 2024 COMMENCING AT 6.00 PM**

PRESENT

K J Loydall Chair

COUNCILLORS

G A Boulter
C S Gore
S Z Haq
J Kaufman



Meeting ID: 2612

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

R Anderson	External Auditor
S A E Ball	Senior Finance Business Partner
S J Ball	Legal & Democratic Services Manager / Deputy Monitoring Officer
R Deo	Internal Auditor
P Harvey	External Auditor
S Khan	Interim Strategic Director
G Patterson	External Auditor
K Robson	Democratic & Electoral Services Officer

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

R Anderson	Grant Thornton LLP
Ms R Deo	360 Assurance
P Harvey	Grant Thornton LLP
G Patterson	Grant Thornton UK LLP

32. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillors P Joshi and I K Ridley.

33. APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTES

None.

34. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

35. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

By affirmation of the meeting, it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

The minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 24 January 2024 be

taken as read, confirmed and approved.

36. ACTION LIST ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

There was no Action List arising from the previous meeting.

37. PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

None.

38. INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS UPDATE (APRIL 2024)

The Committee gave consideration to the report and appendix (as set out at pages 3 – 18 of the agenda update pack) which provided an update on the progress made on delivering the 2023/24 Audit Plan.

By general affirmation of the meeting, it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

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

39. STRATEGIC RISK UPDATE (2023/24)

The Committee gave consideration to the report and appendix (as set out at pages 6 – 12 of the agenda reports pack) which presented the Strategic Risk Register (2023/24).

By general affirmation of the meeting, it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

The content of the report and appendix be considered and noted.

40. PROGRESS AGAINST EXTERNAL AUDIT FOLLOW-ON RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee gave consideration to the report and appendix (as set out at pages 13 – 18 of the agenda reports pack) which presented an update of the Follow-On External Audit Recommendations to the Committee.

By general affirmation of the meeting, it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

The content of the report and appendix be noted.

41. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS (2022/23)

The Committee gave consideration to the report and appendices (as set out at pages 19 – 265 of the agenda update pack), which gave an update on the outcome of the audit of the Statement of Accounts 2022/23 for approval.

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

- i) The Statement of Accounts (at Appendix 1) including the Annual Governance Statement (at Appendix 2 which was approved July 2023) for the year ended 31 March 2023, subject to any required final changes that may be agreed with the Council's external auditors be approved;**
- ii) The Audit Findings Report (2022/23) (at Appendix 3) be noted and the outlined recommendations be approved;**
- iii) In order to comply with the Council's statutory obligations, the Statement of Accounts and Annual Governance Statement for the year ended 31 March 2023 can be published and the Section 151 Officer be authorised, following consultation with the Chair of the Audit Committee, to make any required final changes to the accounts that may be agreed with the Council's external auditors; and**
- iv) The Letter of Representation (at Appendix 4) be approved.**

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.45 pm