

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE HELD AT CIVIC SUITE 2,
BROCKS HILL COUNCIL OFFICES, WASHBROOK LANE, OADBY, LEICESTER, LE2 5JJ ON
TUESDAY, 9 JULY 2024 COMMENCING AT 6.00 PM**

PRESENT

K J Loydall Chair



Meeting ID: 2699

COUNCILLORS

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

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

S Khan Interim Strategic Director
C Warren Chief Finance Officer / Section 151 Officer
S Wheeliker Senior Democratic & Electoral Services Officer

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

R Anderson Grant Thornton UK LLP
R Deo 360 Assurance

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillor I K Ridley.

2. APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTES

None.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

4. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

It was moved by the Chair, seconded by Councillor S Z Haq, and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 10 April 2024 be taken as read, confirmed and approved.

5. ACTION LIST ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

None.

6. PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

None.

7. STRATEGIC RISK UPDATE (2024/25)

The Committee gave consideration to the report and appendix (as set out at pages 7-13 of the agenda reports pack), which presented the Strategic Risk Register (2024/25).

By affirmation of the meeting, it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

The content of the report and Strategic Risk register (as set out at Appendix 1) be considered and noted.

8. INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN (2024/25)

The Committee gave consideration to the report and appendix (as set out at pages 14-39 of the agenda reports pack), which presented the Internal Audit Plan for 2024/25.

It was moved by the Chair, seconded by Councillor P Joshi, and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

The Internal Audit Plan for 2024/25 be approved.

9. INTERNAL AUDIT ANNUAL REPORT AND OPINION (2023/24)

The Committee gave consideration to the report and appendix (as set out at pages 40-54 of the agenda reports pack), which reported the key outcomes arising from the Internal Audit 2023/24 and provided an audit opinion on the adequacy and effectiveness of the Council's arrangements for governance, risk management and internal control.

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.

10. EXTERNAL AUDIT PLAN (2024/25)

The Committee gave consideration to the report and appendices (as set out at pages 55-116 of the agenda reports pack), which presented the external auditor's 2023/24 Audit Plan and Risk Assessment.

By affirmation of the meeting, it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

The content of the report and appendices be noted.

11. ANTI-FRAUD & CORRUPTION REPORT

The Committee gave consideration to the report and appendix (as set out at pages 117-149 of the agenda reports pack), which provided an update on the Council's anti-fraud arrangements and future plans.

By affirmation of the meeting, it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

The content of the report and appendix be noted.

12. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (2023/24)

The Committee gave consideration to the report and appendix (as set out at pages 150-191 of the agenda reports pack), which asked it to approve the draft Annual Governance Statement (2023/24).

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

The Council's Annual Governance Statement for 2023/24 be approved.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.12 pm