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, 9 APRIL 2025 COMMENCING AT 6.00 PM

PRESENT

K J Loydall Chair

COUNCILLORS

Meeting ID: 2754

G A Boulter C S Gore S Z Haq J Kaufman

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

S J Ball Legal & Democratic Services Manager / Deputy Monitoring Officer

K Robson Democratic & Electoral Services Officer
C Warren Chief Finance Officer / Section 151 Officer

OTHERS IN ATTENDANCE

R Anderson Grant Thornton UK LLP
L Cater SWAP Internal Audit Services
R Clarke SWAP Internal Audit Services

R Deo 360 Assurance

34. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor P Joshi attended the meeting remotely.

35. APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTES

None.

36. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

37. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

By affirmation of the meeting, it was

RESOLVED THAT:

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 22 January 2025 be taken as read, confirmed and approved.

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38. <u>ACTION LIST ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING</u>

There was no Action List arising from the previous meeting.

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

None.

40. INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN 2025/26 AND INTRODUCTION REPORT

The Committee gave consideration to the report and appendix (as set out at pages 6-15 of the agenda reports pack) which introduced SWAP to the Audit Committee and outlined the Audit Plan for 2025/26.

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

The content of the report be noted and the Audit Plan for 2025/26 be agreed.

41. EXTERNAL AUDIT PLAN FOR 2024/25 AUDIT

Cllr J Kaufman joined the meeting at 18.28

The Committee gave consideration to the report and appendix (as set out at pages 16-64 of the agenda reports pack) which presented the External Auditors 2024/25 Audit Plan and Risk Assessment.

By affirmation of the meeting, it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

The content of the report and appendix be noted.

42. ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND MATERIALITY 2024/25

The Committee gave consideration to the report and appendices (as set out at pages 65-87 of the agenda reports pack) which gave details of the draft accounting policies and materiality levels for the 2024/25 Financial Statements.

It was moved by the Chair, seconded by Councillor C S Gore and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

The content of the report be noted and the following be approved:

- 1. The Draft Accounting Policies for the 2024/25 Financial Statement as detailed in Appendix 1; and
- 2. The materiality levels as set out in Appendix 2; and
- 3. Delegate authority to Section 151 officer to make any necessary

amendments

43. STRATEGIC RISK REGISTER UPDATE (Q3 2024/25)

The Committee gave consideration to the report and appendix (as set out at pages 88-95 of the agenda reports pack) which presented the Strategic Risk Register to Committee for information.

By affirmation of the meeting, it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

The content of the report and the Strategic Risk Register, as set out in appendix 1, be considered and noted.

44. <u>INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT (APRIL 2025)</u>

The Committee gave consideration to the report and appendix (as set out at pages 96-111 of the agenda reports pack) which gave an update on Internal Audit's progress on delivering the 2024/25 Audit Plan.

By affirmation of the meeting, it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

The progress made in delivering the 2024/25 Audit Plan be noted.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 7.20 pm