

Audit and Risk

Minutes

Tuesday, 29 March 2016 at 18:30

PRESENT:

Councillor Grey (in the Chair); Councillors Lawn, Walker and Williamson.

Mrs K Sly (Section 151 Officer) and Mrs C Webb (Senior Member Services Officer)

Mrs E Hodds (Internal Audit Consortium Manager)

Mrs T Myer (Ernst & Young LLP)

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

It was noted that there were no declarations of interest declared at the meeting.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

It was noted that there were no apologies for absence given at the meeting.

3 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 2 February 2016 were confirmed.

4 MATTERS ARISING

It was noted that there were no matters arising from the above minutes which were not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

5 PROGRESS REPORT ON INTERNAL AUDIT ACTIVITY 25 NOVEMBER 2015 TO 21 MARCH 2016

The Committee received and considered the comprehensive report from the Internal Audit Consortium Manager.

The Internal Audit Consortium Manager reported the progress made between 25 November 2015 and 21 March 2016 in relation to delivery of the Annual Internal Audit Plan for 2015/16, which included abbreviated executive summaries in respect of four audit reviews; Corporate Governance - Data Protection and Freedom of Information, Council Tax and National Non-Domestic Rates, Housing Benefit and Council Tax

Support and Private Sector Housing - Disabled Facilities Grants and Discretionary Improvement Loans.

In addition, the Internal Audit Consortium Manager reported two Position Statements with regard to Member Services and Business Continuity/Disaster Recovery and the salient areas of the summary of the Cross Authority Review of the Accounts Payable service.

RESOLVED:-

That the Committee received and noted the outcomes of those audits finalised during the period.

6 GYBC AUDIT PLAN YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2016

The Committee received and considered the Audit Plan for the year ending 31 March 2016 from the External Auditor which set out how they intended to carry out their responsibilities as auditor. The Audit Plan provided the Committee with a basis with which to review the proposed audit approach and scope for the 2015/16 audit in accordance with statutory requirements, auditing standards and other professional requirements. It was also to ensure that the audit was aligned with the Council's service expectations.

The Plan summarised the assessment of the key issues which drove the development of an effective audit for the Council and outlined the planned audit strategy in response to those risks.

RESOLVED:-

That the Committee received and noted the Audit Plan.

7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chairman reported that there was no other business for consideration.

8 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC

The meeting ended at: 18:45