

Meeting AUDIT COMMITTEE

Date 19 March 2014 (commencing at 10.30am)

membership

Persons absent are marked with 'A'

COUNCILLORS

Sheila Place (Vice-Chairman)

Joyce Bosnjak
Richard Butler
John Clarke
John Handley

Richard Jackson
David Kirkham
Darrell Pulk
Ken Rigby

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE

Richard Walton - KPMG Ltd

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Sarah Ashton - Policy, Planning and Corporate Services

John Bailey)
Pauline Moore) Environment and Resources Department
Paul Bellamy)

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 2 DECEMBER 2013

The minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on 2 December 2013, having been circulated, were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

TEMPORARY MEMBERSHIP CHANGES

The following changes of membership were reported to the meeting:-

- Councillor Richard Jackson replaced Councillor Keith Walker (for this meeting only).
- Councillor Richard Butler replaced Councillor Reg Adair (for this meeting only).

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS AND OFFICERS

None

CERTIFICATION OF GRANTS AND RETURNS – KPMG ANNUAL REPORT 2012/13

Pauline Moore (Senior Accountant) and Richard Walton (KPMG Ltd) presented the Certification of Grants and Returns report outlining KPMG's findings from the audit of the teacher's pension return and the local transport grant.

RESOLVED 2013/26

That the Certification of Grants and Returns for 2012/13 be noted.

KPMG EXTERNAL AUDIT PLAN 2013/14

Richard Walton (KPMG Ltd) presented the KPMG External Audit Plan 2013/14 confirming there were no time line issues and the fees were unchanged.

RESOLVED 2013/27

That the KPMG External Audit Plan 2013/14 be noted.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2013/14 – ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Pauline Moore (Senior Accountant) presented the proposed accounting policies to be used in creating the Authority's statement of accounts 2013/14.

RESOLVED 2013/28

That the Statement of Accounts for 2013/14 be noted.

That the changes to Accounting Policies be approved.

STATEMENT ON CONFORMANCE WITH THE PUBLIC SECTOR INTERNAL AUDIT STANDARDS

John Bailey (Head of Internal Audit) explained the level of compliance and proposed actions in the Quality Assurance and Improvement programme.

RESOLVED 2013/29

That the level of compliance with the Public Sector Internal Audit Standards be noted

That the actions proposed in the Quality Assurance and Improvement programme be approved.

NATIONAL FRAUD INITIATIVE 2012/13

John Bailey (Head of Internal Audit) and Paul Bellamy (Assistant Audit Team Leader) updated the Committee on the results to date of the Audit Commission's Data matching exercise and the National Fraud Initiative 2012/13.

RESOLVED 2013/30

That the National Fraud Initiative 2012/13 be noted.

WORK PROGRAMME

RESOLVED: 2013/31

That the Committee's work programme be noted.

PROTECTING THE PUBLIC PURSE – FRAUD BRIEFING 2013 (Presentation)

RESOLVED: 2013/32

That John Bailey would arrange a press release on behalf of the Committee that outlined the key points raised in the briefing.

The meeting closed at 11.45 am

CHAIRMAN