

AUDIT COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 30 JANUARY 2008

Present: Councillors Mrs J I Hully (Chairman) J G Sunderland (Deputy Chairman); R Pitt; Mrs C Watson

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors B Dixon and A Norwood

Officers: G Ayling, Interim Head of Finance and Business Development; M Robinson, Audit and Fraud Prevention Manager; H Mitchell, Head of Policy and Performance; K Dowle, Fraud Prevention Team Leader; D A James Member Services Officer

D McHale, District Audit; A Wilson, District Audit

AU 24 Minutes

Prior to the commencement of the meeting Members were issued with a further copy of the minutes, this was due to the incorrect version being included on the Agenda.

RESOLVED – That the revise minutes of the meeting held on 31 October 2007, be signed as a correct record subject to Councillor Meteers apologies being noted.

AU 25 Arrangement of the Agenda

It was moved, duly seconded and

RESOLVED – That agenda Item 7 – Use of Resources be considered as item I on the Agenda.

AU 26 Use of Resources – Auditor Judgement

Prior to consideration of this item it was noted that D McHale was leaving District Audit Members thanked him fro his hard work and welcomed A Wilson as the new Audit Manager.

It was noted that the scores under financial management 2.2 and 2.3 - Table 2 of the report should read: -

“ 2.2 The Council manages performance against budget Score 2006 & 2007 = **3**” &

“ 2.3 The Council Manages its asset base Score 2006& 2007 = **2**”

and not

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“ 2.3 The Council Manages its asset base Score 2006& 2007 = 3” as stated in the report

Members sought clarification as to why the Council had failed to reconcile its “Adjustment A” calculation and requested a report to be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee.

RESOLVED – That a) the Auditors Judgement 2007 on the use of resources be noted; and

b) clarification on the “Judgement A” calculation be issued to all Members of the Committee prior to the next meeting.

AU 27 Fraud Quarterly Monitoring Report

The report summarising the activities and performance against targets of the Fraud Team for the third quarter of the year was submitted and noted.

Members congratulated the team for all their hard work.

AU 28 Audit Services Quarter Monitoring Report

Consideration was given to the Audit Services monitoring report for the third quarter of 2007/2008 which set out progress in the current year on all Priority 1 and 2 recommendations outstanding, and other audit work carried out in the quarter.

Member expressed concern that a number of long standing audit recommendation which were still outstanding and would impact on performance and requested that discussions take place with the Chief Executive and if necessary asked to attend a future meeting of the Committee.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted

The meeting closed at 4.50 pm

Chairman