

AUDIT COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 31 JANUARY 2013

Present: Mr Michael Bonner (Independent Chair)

Councillors Yvonne Clarkson; Peter Connolly; Joan Hully; David Riley; Graham Sunderland; Doug Wilson; Carole Woodman

Councillor John Bowman also attended the meeting.

Officers: Darienne Law Head of Corporate Resources; Peter Usher, Audit Manager; Denise James, Member Services Officer

Tim Capper, Democratic Services Manager Agenda Items 1-7

Also in attendance: Richard McGahon, Audit Commission

AU 46 Minutes

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the meeting held on 25 October 2012 be signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

AU 47 Dispensations for Members – Council Tax

Consideration was given to a report seeking approval for the granting of dispensations for all Councillors who have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest arising from beneficial interests in land or property in the Borough to enable those Members to take part in discussions and voting on setting the Council Tax.

RESOLVED – That a dispensation be granted under Section 33 of the Localism Act 2011 to all Members of the Council who have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in land or property in the Borough, to enable those Members to participate in discussions and voting on setting the Council Tax in meetings of the Council, Executive and Committees until 7 May 2015.

AU 48 Involvement of Parishes in Local Determination of Complaints

To ask Audit and Governance Committee to agree proposals for recruitment of Parish Representatives for recommendation to Council for appointment

That (a) the draft Role Description for Parish Representative for circulation to parish councils be agreed; and

(b) the recruitment arrangements as set out in paragraph 4.1 of the report be agreed.

AU 49 **Fraud Section Monitoring Report 3rd Quarter**

The Committee considered a report summarising trends in casework on fraud referrals in the third quarter of 2012/13.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

AU 50 **Audit Monitoring Report 3rd Quarter**

The Committee considered a report on work carried out by Internal Audit in the fourth quarter of 2011/12.

RESOLVED – that the report be noted.

AU 51 **Proposed Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2013/14 – 2015/16 incorporating Annual Investment Strategy 2013/14 and Minimum Revenue provision Statement 2013/14**

(Note Councillor Yvonne Clarkson left the meeting during consideration of this item)

The proposed Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2013/14 – 2015/16, the Annual Investment Strategy 2013/14 and the Minimum Revenue Provision Statement 2013/14 were put to the Committee for scrutiny prior to being presented to Executive on 12th February 2013 for recommendation to Council for formal approval at its meeting on 21st February 2013.

RESOLVED – That it be noted that the report had been fully scrutinised and the Executive be recommended to recommend the report to Council for formal approval.

AU 52 **Strategic Risk Management**

Consideration was given to Councils Strategic Risk Register which is an essential part of the Corporate Policy Framework and a key part of Performance Management Framework.

RESOLVED – That the Strategic Risk Register be noted and agreed.

AU 53 **Grant Thornton Planned Audit Fee for 2012/13**

The annual Planned Audit Fee for 2012/13 from Grant Thornton was submitted and noted.

The meeting closed at 6.50pm

Chairman

Date