

**Minutes of the meeting of the Audit and Standards Committee
held on 6th November 2014**

Present

Members:

Councillor Sara Doughty
Councillor Bill Gifford
Councillor John Horner
Councillor Mary Webb
Councillor Chris Saint
Councillor Bob Stevens

Independent Members:

John Bridgeman CBE (Chair)

Officers:

John Betts, Head of Finance
Ben Patel-Sadler, Democratic Services Officer
Jane Pollard, Specialist Governance Advisor
Garry Rollason, Chief Risk and Assurance Manager

External Representatives:

John Gregory, Grant Thornton - Auditors
Andrew Reid, Grant Thornton - Auditors

1. General

(1) Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from:

David Carter, Strategic Director Resources Group
Sarah Duxbury, Head of Law and Governance
Bob Meacham OBE

(2) Members' Disclosures of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interest

None

**(3) Minutes of the meeting of the Audit and Standards Committee
held on 11th September 2014**

It was agreed that the minutes be signed by the Chair as a true and accurate record of the meeting.

Under matters arising, the Committee requested that case management of Adult Social Care be added to the Work Programme for 2014/15.

2. External Auditors Annual Audit Letter 2013/14

John Gregory of Grant Thornton (Auditors) introduced the report and explained to the Committee that the attached Audit Letter at Appendix A of the report summarised all of the work completed as part of the 2013/14 annual audit which had been reported to members at previous meetings of the Audit and Standards Committee. He informed members that there were no significant messages to bring to this meeting- the External Audit opinions given in September 2014 remained the same.

Members noted that the objection received by the External Auditors in relation to the Integrated Disability Service (IDS) was likely to be resolved towards the end of 2014 or in early 2015. The Committee was informed by Mr Gregory that the Council had provided the External Auditors with all of the required information in relation to the IDS complaint.

The Chair wished to place on record his thanks to the Warwickshire County Council staff for all of the work undertaken as part of the External Audit process. The correct procedures had been followed and this had been a satisfactory audit.

The Audit and Standards Committee considered the Annual Audit Letter of the External Auditors- no further action was required.

3. Work Programme 2014/15

The Committee discussed the Work Programme for 2014/15

The Audit and Standards Committee requested that case management of Adult Social Care be added to the Work Programme for 2014/15.

4. Any other Business

None

5. Reports Containing Confidential of Exempt Information

Councillor Doughty proposed (seconded by Councillor Mary Webb) and it was resolved that members of the public be excluded from the meeting for the items mentioned below on the grounds that their presence would involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of Part 1 of the Local Government Act 1972.