

Audit and Standards Committee

Thursday 19 September 2024

Minutes

Attendance

Committee Members

Mr John Bridgeman (Chair)
Councillor Jo Barker
Councillor John Cooke
Councillor Sarah Feeney
Councillor Bill Gifford
Councillor Ian Shenton
Mr Robert Zara

Officers

Paul Clarke, Internal Audit Manager
John Cole, Senior Democratic Services Officer
Sarah Duxbury, Director of Strategy, Planning and Governance
Rob Powell, Executive Director for Resources

1. General

(1) Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Andrew Harper (Head of Strategic Finance) and Purnima Kandula (Director of Finance).

(2) Disclosures of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests

There was none.

(3) Minutes of the Previous Meeting

It was resolved that the minutes of the meeting held on 18 July 2024 be confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chair.

2. Work Programme and Future Meeting Dates

The Committee noted the Work Programme, including the items proposed for consideration at the next meeting on 28 November 2024.

3. Any Other Business

The Chair invited Rob Powell, Executive Director for Resources, to provide an update to the Committee on recently announced news concerning the devolution agreement for Warwickshire.

Rob Powell reported that the Government had indicated its intention to progress a devolution agreement for Warwickshire. A devolution deal had been agreed in principle by the previous government prior to the General Election but not formally confirmed. The latest announcement provided confirmation that the Deal would go ahead.

4. Reports Containing Exempt or Confidential Information

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.

5. Exempt Minutes of the Previous Meeting

It was resolved that the exempt minutes of the meeting held on 18 July 2024 be confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chair.

6. Internal Audit Update Report

Paul Clarke (Internal Audit Manager) outlined the exempt report.

Resolved:

That the recommendation be agreed as laid out.

The meeting rose at 10:33.

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Chair