

GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

Decision Notice – Extraordinary Hybrid Meeting, 20th May, 2024.

The Committee agenda is available [here](#).

The recording of the meeting is available [here](#).

Present: Councillors: P. Drake, E. Goodjohn, M.J. Hooper, J.M. Norman, J. Protheroe and N.J. Wood; and G. Chapman, M. Evans and N. Ireland (Lay Members).

Also present: Councillors I.R. Buckley, L. Burnett (Executive Leader and Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources), G. John (Cabinet Member for Leisure, Sport and Wellbeing) and Dr. I.J. Johnson.

AGENDA ITEM 1. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR –

RESOLVED – T H A T G. Chapman (Lay Member) be appointed Chair for the current Municipal year.

AGENDA ITEM 2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR –

RESOLVED – T H A T N. Ireland (Lay Member) be appointed Vice-Chair for the current Municipal year.

AGENDA ITEM 4. MINUTES –

RESOLVED – T H A T the minutes of the meeting held on 22nd April, 2024 be approved as a correct record.

AGENDA ITEM 5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST –

No declarations of interest were received.

AGENDA ITEM 6. ORACLE FUSION IMPLEMENTATION (PART I) (REF) –

RESOLVED – T H A T the comments of the Governance and Audit Committee be referred to Cabinet alongside the comments from the Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 17th April, 2024. The key comments of the Governance and Audit Committee being:

- Projects could be impacted, and costs increased if the Council did not have adequate resources and capacity.

- Members of the public required greater accountability around the challenges that the project faced, and greater Scrutiny should have been carried out.
- At the start of any project, the Council needed to ensure that it had the right expertise in place from all relevant service areas, including Commissioning, Human Resources, Information Technology, Finance and Legal.
- The proposed budget for the Oracle system at its inception appeared insufficient as it did not include archiving, contingency etc.
- The Corporate Performance and Resources Scrutiny Committee and the Governance and Audit Committee should have been made aware of issues sooner and provided assurance in respect of the control environment.
- The Lessons Learnt review document needed to be cascaded widely throughout the organisation.
- A workshop for members should be arranged to understand how the 59 recommendations would be implemented.

Reason for decision

Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 7. ACCOUNTING POLICIES 2023/24, KEY HEADLINES FOR 2023/24 AUDIT AND PREPARATION AND AUDIT OF THE 2022/23 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF LESSONS LEARNT (HOF/S1510) –

RESOLVED – T H A T the contents of the report be noted.

Reason for decision

Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 8. INTERNAL AUDIT LIMITED OPINIONS 2023-24 (HRIAS) –

RESOLVED – T H A T the relevant Directors / Heads of Service for the three limited assurance audits (Debtors, Residential Homes – food stock control and Leisure Centres – contract and performance management) be requested to provide an update report in six months' time.

Reason for decision

Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting.

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC –

RESOLVED – T H A T under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined

in Part 4 of Schedule 12A (as amended) of the Act, the relevant paragraphs of the Schedule being referred to in brackets after the minute heading.

AGENDA ITEM 10. ORACLE FUSION IMPLEMENTATION (PART II) (REF)
(EXEMPT INFORMATION – PARAGRAPH 14) –

RESOLVED – T H A T the contents of the report be noted.

Reason for decision

Having regard to the contents of the report and discussions at the meeting.