

AUDIT COMMITTEE

- Date and Time :-** Tuesday, 26 May 2020 at 2.00 p.m.
- Venue:-** Virtual Meeting.
- Membership:-** Councillors Cowles, Vjestica, Walsh (Vice-Chair) and Wyatt (Chair)
- Independent Member**

The business which will be discussed are described on the agenda below and there are reports attached which give more details.

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AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence

To receive the apologies of any Member who is unable to attend the meeting.

2. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 4th February, 2020 (herewith) (Pages 1 - 6)

To approve the accuracy of the previous minutes held on 4th February, 2020.

3. Declarations of Interest

To receive declarations of interest from Members in respect of items listed on the agenda.

4. Questions from Members of the Public or the Press

To receive questions relating to items of business on the agenda from members of the public or press who are present at the meeting.

5. Update on External Audit Update (documentation herewith) (Pages 7 - 16)

To receive an update on:-

- PSAA - Scale Fee Letter.
- Grant Thornton - Audit Scope Letter.
- Grant Thornton - Audit Plan Addendum.

6. Dedicated School Grant - Central Reserve (herewith) (Pages 17 - 41)

To note the actions being taken to manage the Dedicated School Grant deficit in Rotherham, the additional funding allocated in the government spending review and the outstanding Department for Education (DfE) consultation on Special Education Needs & Disabilities (SEND) and Alternative Provision (AP) Funding and the DfE's consultation response to 'Clarifying the Specific Grant and Ring-fenced Status of the Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG)'

7. Closure of the Accounts 2019/20 - Update due to Covid-19 (herewith) (Pages 42 - 47)

To note the revised timetable for the production of the Council's financial statements.

8. Internal Audit Self-Assessment against the Public Sector Internal Audit Standards (herewith) (Pages 48 - 53)

To note the result of the self-assessment against the PSIAS and to confirm that an external peer review should be completed in late 2020.

9. Internal Audit Quality Assurance and Improvement Programme (QAIP) (herewith) (Pages 54 - 92)

To note the production and ongoing implementation of the QAIP based on the internal self-assessment reported to the Audit Committee.

10. Internal Audit Annual Report 2019-20 (herewith) (Pages 93 - 110)

To note Internal Audit work undertaken during the financial year 2019/20 and the key issues that have arisen from it, the overall opinion of the Head of Internal Audit and the information contained regarding the performance of Internal Audit during 2019/20.

11. Audit Committee Forward Work Plan (herewith) (Pages 111 - 119)

To review the Forward Work Plan and suggest any amendments to it.

12. Exclusion of the Press and Public

The following items are likely to be considered in the absence of the press and public as being exempt under Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (business affairs).

13. Internal Audit Progress Report for the period 1st January to 30th April, 2020 (herewith) (Pages 120 - 147)

To note the Internal Audit work undertaken since the last Audit Committee, 1st January to 30th April, 2020, the key issues that have arisen from it, the information contained regarding the performance of Internal Audit and the actions being taken by management.

14. Children and Young People's Services (CYPS) Directorate Risk Register (herewith) (Pages 148 - 157)

To note the progress and current position in relation to risk management activity in CYPS.

15. Items for Referral for Scrutiny

To consider the referral of matters for consideration by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board.

16. Urgent Business

To consider any item which the Chair is of the opinion should be considered as a matter of urgency.

17. Date and time of next meeting

The next meeting of the Audit Committee will be held on Tuesday, 23rd June, 2020 commencing at 2.00 p.m.



SHARON KEMP,
Chief Executive.