

# **GOVERNANCE, AUDIT AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

**MONDAY, 21 SEPTEMBER 2020**

Present: Councillor E Williamson, Chair

Councillors: E Cubley  
D Grindell (Substitute)  
T Hallam  
M Handley  
H G Khaled MBE  
H Land (Substitute)  
J M Owen  
J P T Parker  
M Radulovic MBE  
P D Simpson  
D K Watts

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors S A Bagshaw, R H Darby, M Hannah and I L Tyler.

## 12 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

## 13 **MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held 20 July 2020 were confirmed as a correct record.

## 14 **EXTERNAL AUDIT 2019/20 UPDATE**

The Committee noted a report which provided an update on progress in delivering the external auditor's responsibilities and a summary of key national publications that may be of interest to members.

## 15 **GOING CONCERN STATUS**

The Committee noted the outcome of the assessment made of the Council's status as a going concern for the purposes of the statement of accounts 2019/20.

## 16 **INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT**

The Committee were informed of recent work completed by Internal Audit.

Internal Audit has reviewed progress made by management in implementing agreed actions within six months of the completion of the respective audits.

17 ANNUAL COUNTER FRAUD REPORT

The Committee noted the Annual Counter Fraud Report.

Internal Audit has completed a fraud risk assessment exercise, in conjunction with senior management, taking into account published guidance and reports from CIPFA; National Fraud Initiative, Government; external auditors and other relevant organisations.

18 GOVERNANCE DASHBOARD - MAJOR PROJECTS

The Committee were updated on the governance dashboard relating to the Council's major and key projects.

19 REVIEW OF STRATEGIC RISK REGISTER

The Committee considered amendments to the Strategic Risk Register and the action plans identified to mitigate risks.

**RESOLVED that the amendments to the Strategic Risk Register and the actions to mitigate risks as set out in appendix 2 of the report, be approved.**

20 WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee considered the Work Programme.

**RESOLVED that the Work Programme be approved.**