GOVERNANCE, AUDIT AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE MONDAY, 19 JULY 2021

Present: Councillor E Williamson, Chair

Councillors: S A Bagshaw (Vice-Chair)

E Cubley

H G Khaled MBE

G Marshall (substitute)

J M Owen

P J Owen (substitute)

J C Patrick
J P T Parker
M Radulovic MBE
P D Simpson
I L Tyler
D K Watts

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M Handley and H E Skinner

8 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

9 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 May 2021 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

10 REVIEW OF PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCIES

The Committee noted the review of the new Parliamentary Constituency for Broxtowe proposed by the Boundary Commission for England as part of the 2023 review of parliamentary constituencies.

11 REVIEW OF STRATEGIC RISK REGISTER

The Committee considered the 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 be approved.

12 <u>INTERNAL AUDIT REVIEW 2020/21</u>

The Committee received an update of the work undertaken by Internal Audit during 2020/21 and reviewed the annual internal audit assurance opinion that can be used by the Council to inform its Annual Governance Statement.

13 <u>INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT</u>

The Committee noted the recent work completed by Internal Audit and reviewed progress made by management in implementing agreed actions within six months of the completion of the respective audits.

14 COMPLAINTS REPORT 2020/21

Members were provided with a summary of complaints made against the Council. It was noted that there had been a decrease in stage 1 complaints received and an increase in stage 2 complaints.

15 FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REPORT 2020/21

Members were provided with an overview of Freedom of Information requests made to the Council. It was noted that there had been a decrease in the number of requests received in comparison to the previous year.

16 WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee considered the Work Programme.

RESOLVED that the work programme be approved subject to the addition of a report on Governance Arrangements for the Beeston Town Centre development be added to the 29 November 2021.