

GOVERNANCE, AUDIT AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE

MONDAY, 16 MAY 2022

Present: Councillor P Lally

Councillors: M Brown
S Dannheimer
M Hannah
H G Khaled MBE
P Lally
H Land
J M Owen
P J Owen (substitute)
J C Patrick
P D Simpson
D K Watts (substitute)

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J P T Parker, P Roberts-Thomson, R S Robinson and I L Tyler.

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

2 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held 13 March 2022 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

3 BROXTOWE AUDIT STRATEGY MEMORANDUM

The Committee noted the presentation provided the Council's external auditors, Mazars.

4 CORPORATE GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS

The Committee were informed of action taken to develop and comply with statutory obligations regarding corporate governance and noted the Annual Governance Statement for inclusion in the Council's published Statement of Accounts for 2021/22.

1. **RESOLVED** that the draft Annual Governance Statement as shown in appendix 3 be approved in principle for inclusion in the Council's Statement of Accounts.
2. **RESOLVED** that responsibility be delegated to the Chief Executive in consultation with the Chair of this Committee to make any further amendments deemed necessary.

3. NOTED compliance with the Code on Delivering Good Governance in Local Government.

5 INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT

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

6 COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

The Committee noted the update for the Council's requirement to enhance its complaints procedure.

The Council had reviewed its current procedure and had determined that a complaint consideration threshold was required.

It was recommended that the Council adopt a threshold of 6 months from the incident date in which the Council will investigate complaints.

RESOLVED that the changes to the Complaints Procedure be approved.

7 WORK PROGRAMME

The Committee noted the Work Programme.

RESOLVED that the Work Programme be approved.