

GOVERNANCE, AUDIT AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE

MONDAY, 27 JANUARY 2025

Present: Councillor S J Carr, Chair

Councillors: E Winfield (Vice-Chair)
R Bullock
G S Hills
S P Jeremiah
A Kingdon
W Mee
J M Owen
P J Owen (substitute)
P A Smith (substitute)
C Tideswell (substitute)
S Webb
K Woodhead

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M Brown, S Dannheimer and K A Harlow.

46 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

47 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held 25 November 2024 were confirmed and signed as a correct record.

48 AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS 2023/24 AND ASSOCIATED MATTERS

The Committee noted the letter of representation and the process for the approval of the Statement of Accounts for 2023/24 and reviewed the Audit Completion Report and the draft Auditor's Annual Report for 2023/24 from the Council's external auditors following their work on these accounts.

The Committee noted that the report from the auditors did not identified any significant weaknesses in the Council's arrangements that would require it to make a recommendation.

RESOLVED that:

- (i) the updated Statement of Accounts 2023/24 and letter of representation as circulated be approved; and**

- (ii) **delegation be given to the Deputy Chief Executive and Section 151 Officer, in consultation with the Chair of this Committee, to approve any further changes required to the Statement of Accounts 2023/24.**

49 WORK PROGRAMME

Members considered the Work Programme.

RESOLVED that the Work Programme be approved.