

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the Audit Committee of the Bolsover District Council held in the Council Chamber, The Arc, Clowne on Tuesday 26th September 2017 at 1400 hours.

PRESENT:-

Members:-

Councillor D. McGregor in the Chair

Councillors J.A. Clifton, M. Dooley, S.W. Fritchley and K. Reid.

Officers:-

D. Clarke (Assistant Director – Finance and Revenues & Benefits), J. Williams (Internal Audit Consortium Manager) and A. Bluff (Governance Officer)

0252. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor A.M. Syrett and Independent Member Ms. R. Jaffray.

0253. URGENT ITEMS OF BUSINESS

There were no urgent items of business.

0254. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

0255. MINUTES – 25TH JULY 2017

Moved by Councillor K. Reid and seconded by Councillor J.A. Clifton

RESOLVED that the minutes of a meeting of the Audit Committee held on 25th July 2017 be approved as a true and correct record.

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0256. REPORT OF THE INTERNAL AUDIT CONSORTIUM SUMMARY OF PROGRESS ON THE 2017/18 INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN

The Internal Audit Consortium Manager presented the report which updated Members on progress made by the Internal Audit Consortium in relation to the 2017/18 Internal Audit Plan. The report included a summary of Internal Audit Reports issued to date and work in progress.

Moved by Councillor K. Reid and seconded by Councillor D. McGregor
RESOLVED that the report be noted.

0257. REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR – FINANCE AND REVENUES & BENEFITS BUDGET MONITORING – QUARTER 1: APRIL TO JUNE 2017

The Assistant Director – Finance and Revenues & Benefits presented the report which gave Members a summary of the Budget Monitoring for the first quarter of 2017/18 i.e. April to June 2017. The report had previously been presented to a meeting of the Executive held on 11th September 2017. The Council had looked to achieve better interest rates in its investments.

Moved by Councillor D. McGregor and seconded by Councillor J.A. Clifton
RESOLVED that the Audit Committee note the report concerning the Council's Budget Monitoring for Quarter 1 2017/18

0258. REPORT OF THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR – FINANCE AND REVENUES & BENEFITS KEY ISSUES OF FINANCIAL GOVERNANCE

The Assistant Director – Finance and Revenues & Benefits presented the report which tracked progress concerning the implementation of previous recommendations from both External and Internal Audit and informed the Committee of progress in addressing those recommendations.

A discussion took place regarding transformation plans and an update in respect of Equal Pay claims was requested.

Moved by Councillor D. McGregor and seconded by Councillor K. Reid
RESOLVED that (1) the report be noted,

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(2) the Chief Executive Officer provide an update on the status of Equal Pay claims to the next meeting of the Audit Committee

(Assistant Director – Finance and Revenues & Benefits)

0259. THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

Moved by Councillor D. McGregor and seconded by Councillor M. Dooley

RESOLVED that under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the stated Paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act and it is not in the public interest for that to be revealed.

0260. REPORT OF THE INTERNAL AUDIT CONSORTIUM INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT – SHELTERED HOUSING SCHEME REVIEW EXEMPT – PARAGRAPH 3

The Internal Audit Consortium Manager presented a report which updated Committee on a Limited Assurance Internal Audit report received in respect of the Sheltered Housing Scheme review.

A discussion took place regarding administration of residents funds.

Moved by Councillor K. Reid and seconded by Councillor D. McGregor

RESOLVED that (1) the report be noted,

(2) the Assistant Director – Community Safety and Head of Housing (BDC) attend the next meeting of the Audit Committee to provide an update on progress with regard to the Implementation Plan.

(Internal Audit Manager/Senior Governance Officer)

The meeting concluded at 1430 hours.