

# Notice of a public meeting of Audit and Governance Committee

**To:** Councillors Pavlovic (Chair), Fisher (Vice-Chair), Lomas,

Mason, Wann, Webb and Carr

Date: Wednesday, 20 October 2021

**Time:** 5.30 pm

**Venue:** The George Hudson Board Room - 1st Floor West

Offices (F045)

#### <u>AGENDA</u>

#### 1. Declarations of Interest

At this point in the meeting, Members are asked to declare:

- any personal interests not included on the Register of Interests
- · any prejudicial interests or
- any disclosable pecuniary interests

which they might have in respect of business on this agenda.

## **2. Minutes** (Pages 3 - 8)

To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 8 September 2021.

## 3. Public Participation

At this point in the meeting members of the public who have registered to speak can do so. Members of the public may speak on agenda items or on matters within the remit of the committee.

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### 4. Progress against the Action Plan (Pages 9 - 12)

This report is to appraise the Audit & Governance Committee of progress being made against the Action Plan prepared in response to the Public Interest Report.

## **5.** Corporate Governance Report (Pages 13 - 80)

This report provides Members with updates in respect of:

- Annual Complaints Report April 2020 to March 2021
- Corporate Governance performance indicators
- Information Commissioners Office (ICO) decision notices
- Ombudsman cases from last report in July 2021 to date of this report
- Disclosure Log
- Investigatory Powers Commissioner's Office (IPCO) inspection

## **6.** Review of the Constitution (Pages 81 - 86)

As previously reported to the Committee, a cross party working group has now been established and had its first meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2021. The cross party working group proposes to meet on a weekly basis (subject to Member availability) in order to assist the Committee on the review of the Constitution. Once satisfied with the amendments to the Constitution, the Audit & Governance Committee will make a recommendation that the draft Constitution be referred to a future meeting of Full Council for approval and

immediate implementation. As the Committee is aware, the amendments undertaken by Audit & Governance Committee on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2020, and subsequently approved by Full Council in October 2020, have been incorporated into this revision.

### 7. Internal Audit & Fraud Plan & Progress report (Pages 87 - 112)

This report provides an update on the delivery of the internal audit work programme for 2021/22 and on counter fraud activity undertaken so far in the year.

#### 8. Audit and Governance Work Plan (Pages 113 - 116)

To receive a draft plan of reports currently expected to be presented to future meetings of the Committee up to April 2022.

#### 9. Urgent Business

Any other business which the Chair considers urgent under the Local Government Act 1972.

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