

AUDIT COMMITTEE

At a Meeting of the Audit Committee held in the Council Chambers, Clydebank Town Hall, 5 Hall Street, Clydebank, on Wednesday, 9 August 2023 at 10.00 a.m.

Present: Councillors Karen Murray Conaghan, Ian Dickson, Michelle McGinty and Martin Rooney, and Lay Member Mr Christopher Johnstone.

Attending: Peter Hissett, Chief Executive; Laurence Slavin, Chief Officer – Resources; Victoria Rogers, Chief Officer – People and Technology; Gail MacFarlane, Chief Officer – Roads and Neighbourhood; Julie Slavin, Chief Finance Officer, Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP); Andi Priestman, Shared Service Manager – Audit and Fraud; Michelle Lynn, Asset Co-ordinator; Andrew Cameron, Section Leader – ICT and Ashley MacIntyre, Committee Officer.

Apologies: Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Jonathan McColl, James McElhill, John Millar and Hazel Sorrell.

Councillor Karen Murray Conaghan in the Chair

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

It was noted that there were no declarations of interest in any of the items of business on the agenda.

MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Minutes of Meetings of the Audit Committee held on 3 May 2023 (Ordinary) and 8 June 2023 (Special) were submitted and approved as correct records.

OPEN FORUM

The Committee noted that no open forum questions had been submitted by members of the public.

INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN 2023/24 – PROGRESS 18 JULY 2023

A report was submitted by the Chief Officer – Resources advising of progress, at 18 July 2023, against the Internal Audit Plan for 2023/24.

After discussion and having heard the Shared Service Manager – Audit and Fraud and the Chief Finance Officer, HSCP in further explanation of the report and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed to note the contents of the report.

PUBLIC INTEREST DISCLOSURES AND OTHER INTERNAL AUDIT INVESTIGATIONS 19 JANUARY TO 18 JULY 2023

A report was submitted by the Chief Officer – Resources advising of the outcome of investigations into allegations and disclosures in line with public interest disclosure and business irregularities policies, received by Internal Audit between 19 January and 18 July 2023.

After discussion and having heard the Shared Service Manager – Audit and Fraud and the Chief Officer – People and Technology in further explanation of the report and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed to note the contents of the report.

STRATEGIC RISKS 2022–2027

A report was submitted by the Chief Officer – People and Technology providing an update on the strategic risks for 2022-27.

After discussion and having heard the Chief Officer – People and Technology, the Chief Officer – Resources and the Chief Executive in further explanation of the report and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed to note the strategic risks as detailed at Appendix 1 of the report.

The meeting closed at 10.30 a.m.