

AUDIT & PERFORMANCE REVIEW COMMITTEE

At a Meeting of the Audit & Performance Review Committee held in the Council Chambers, Clydebank Town Hall, Clydebank on Wednesday, 28 September 2016 at 2.00 p.m.

Present: Councillors George Black, Jonathan McColl, Ian Murray, Tommy Rainey, Gail Robertson, Martin Rooney and Lay Member Ms Eilidh McKerry.

Attending: Angela Wilson, Strategic Director – Transformation & Public Service Reform; Richard Cairns, Strategic Director – Regeneration, Environment & Growth; Stephen West, Strategic Lead – Resources; Jim McAloon, Strategic Lead – Regeneration; Colin McDougall, Audit and Risk Manager; Gillian McNeilly, Finance Manager; Martin Feeney, Building Services Manager; and Craig Stewart, Committee Officer.

Also Attending: Mr David McConnell, Assistant Director; Mr Peter Lindsay, Audit Manager and Ms Karen Cotterell, Senior Auditor, Audit Scotland.

Apologies: Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Jim Brown, Patrick McGlinchey and Mr Stevie J. Doogan, Lay Member. Apologies were also intimated from Joyce White, Chief Executive.

Councillor Jonathan McColl in the Chair

CHAIR'S REMARKS

Councillor McColl, Chair, welcomed new Lay Member Eilidh McKerry to her first meeting of the Committee, and introductions were then given.

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 MEETING

The Minutes of Meeting of the Audit & Performance Review Committee held on 8 June 2016 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

TREASURY MANAGEMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2015/16

A report was submitted by the Strategic Lead - Resources providing an update on treasury management during 2015/16.

The Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note the treasury management stewardship information within the report;
- (2) to note the 2015/16 actual prudential indicators as advised within the report (Tables 2, 3, 4 and 5 refer); and
- (3) to note that this report had been submitted to Council on 31 August 2016.

AUDITED ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

A report was submitted by the Strategic Lead - Resources submitting the audited Financial Statements for 2015/16 for both the Council and the Charitable Trusts managed by the Council; and highlighting matters of interest, as delegated to this Committee by Council on 29 June 2016.

After discussion and having heard the Strategic Director – Transformation & Public Service Reform, the Strategic Lead – Resources and relevant officers in further explanation of the report and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to approve the audited Annual Accounts for 2015/16 for WDC and for WDC Charitable Trusts; and
- (2) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

AUDIT SCOTLAND: ANNUAL REPORT

A report was submitted by the Strategic Lead - Resources advising of the findings of the Council's external auditors in relation to:-

- (a) the audit of the Council and its Annual Accounts for 2015/16; and
- (b) the Financial Statements for the Charities managed by the Council.

After discussion and having heard Mr McConnell, Assistant Director, Audit Scotland, the Strategic Director – Transformation & Public Service Reform and Strategic Lead - Resources in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, it was agreed to note the findings of these audits as detailed in Audit Scotland's reports dated September 2016.

AUDIT ACTION PLANS

A report was submitted by the Strategic Lead - Resources advising of:-

- (a) recently issued Internal Audit action plans; and
- (b) progress made against plans previously issued contained within Internal Audit and External Audit reports.

After discussion and having heard the Strategic Director – Transformation & Public Service Reform and the Audit and Risk Manager in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note that Councillor McColl, Chair, would seek advice from the Legal Officer concerning a report, that was referred to in the context of discussions on this item, with a view to a possible Special Meeting of the Committee being called in this regard; and
- (2) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

STRATHCLYDE PENSION FUND

A report was submitted by the Strategic Lead - Resources providing further information on the Strathclyde Pension Fund.

After discussion and having heard the Strategic Lead - Resources in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed to note the contents of the report.

STRATEGIC RISK AND RESILIENCE – BI ANNUAL UPDATE

A report was submitted by the Strategic Lead - People & Technology providing the outcome of the latest assessment of strategic risks and an update on progress in relation to resilience planning.

The Committee agreed:-

- (1) to note the contents of the report; and
- (2) to note that any proposals to share services would be submitted to Council.

PUBLIC INTEREST DISCLOSURES 1 JANUARY TO 30 JUNE 2016

A report was submitted by the Strategic Lead – Resources advising of public interest disclosures received during the period 1 January to 30 June 2016.

After discussion and having heard the Audit and Risk Manager and relevant officers in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed to note the contents of the report.

MR DAVID McCONNELL AND MR PETER LINDSAY, AUDIT SCOTLAND

Councillor McColl, Chair, advised the Committee that this would be the last meeting that Mr David McConnell, Assistant Director and Mr Peter Lindsay, Audit Manager, Audit Scotland would be attending. On behalf of the Committee, Councillor McColl thanked both Mr McConnell and Mr Lindsay for the excellent working relationship that existed between them and Members and officers of the Council, and also took the opportunity to wish both gentlemen well in the future.

The meeting closed at 3.50 p.m.