

AUDIT COMMITTEE

At a Meeting of the Audit Committee held in the Council Chambers, Clydebank Town Hall, Dumbarton Road, Clydebank on Wednesday, 26 September 2018 at 10.00 a.m.

Present: Councillors Jim Brown, Karen Conaghan, Jonathan McColl, John Mooney and Martin Rooney, and Lay Member Ms Eilidh McKerry.

Attending: Joyce White, Chief Executive; Angela Wilson, Strategic Director – Transformation & Public Service Reform; Richard Cairns, Strategic Director – Regeneration, Environment & Growth; Stephen West, Strategic Lead – Resources; Malcolm Bennie, Strategic Lead – Communications, Culture & Communities; Colin McDougall, Audit and Risk Manager and Craig Stewart, Committee Officer.

Also Attending: Ms Carol Hislop, Senior Audit Manager and Zahrah Mahmood, Senior Auditor, Audit Scotland.

Apologies: Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Daniel Lennie, John Millar and Brian Walker.

Councillor John Mooney in the Chair

CHAIR'S REMARKS

Prior to commencing with the business of the meeting, Councillor Mooney, Chair, welcomed everyone to the September meeting of the Committee and introduced Chris Johnston, who would be joining the Committee at its next meeting as a new Lay Member.

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 Committee held on 13 June 2018 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

OPEN FORUM

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

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 action plans previously issued contained within Internal Audit and External Audit reports.

After discussion and having heard the Strategic Lead – Resources, the Chief Executive and relevant officers in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed:-

- (1) with regard to 'Project 136: Central Repairs & Maintenance Budget' contained in Appendix 1 to the report, that a report should be submitted to the next meeting of the Housing and Communities Committee on the current status of the new Integrated Housing Management System; and
- (2) otherwise to note the contents of the report.

NATIONAL FRAUD INITIATIVE IN SCOTLAND 2016-17

A report was submitted by the Strategic Lead – Resources providing Committee with a national audit report, for information and consideration, which had been received from Audit Scotland.

After discussion and having heard the Audit and Risk Manager, Strategic Director – Transformation & Public Service Reform and relevant officers in further explanation of the report and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed to note the contents of the report and the terms of the discussion which had taken place in respect of this matter.

PUBLIC INTEREST DISCLOSURES AND OTHER INTERNAL AUDIT INVESTIGATIONS – 1 JANUARY TO 30 JUNE 2018

A report was submitted by the Strategic Lead – Resources advising of the outcome of investigations into allegations and disclosures in line with public interest disclosures and business irregularities policies received by Internal Audit between 1 January and 30 June 2018.

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

The meeting closed at 10.45 a.m.