

AUDIT COMMITTEE

At a Meeting of the Audit Committee held in the Council Chambers, Clydebank Town Hall, 5 Hall Street, Clydebank on Wednesday, 4 September 2024 at 10.00 a.m.

Present: Provost Karen Murray Conaghan and Councillors Ian Dickson, John Millar, Martin Rooney; and Sophie Traynor.

Attending: Peter Hessett, Chief Executive; Councillor Lawrence O'Neill; Laurence Slavin, Chief Officer – Resources: Amanda Graham, Chief Officer – Citizen, Culture and Facilities; Victoria Rogers, Chief Officer – People and Technology; Gail Macfarlane, Chief Officer – Roads and Neighbourhoods; Julie Slavin, Chief Finance Officer - Health and Social Care Partnership (HSCP); Andrew Brown, Education Service Manager; Tom Reid, Audit Director - Forvis Mazars; Caleb Oguche, External Auditor – Forvis Mazars; Fiona Taylor, Head of Health and Community Care; Michelle Lynn, Asset Co-ordinator; Anna Murrery, Risk and Health and Safety Officer; Fiona Taylor, Head of Health and Community Care – HSCP; Drew Cameron, Section Leader (ICT) and Lynn Straker, Committee Officer.

Apologies: Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Fiona Hennebry, Jonathan McColl and Michelle McGinty.

Provost 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 MEETING

The Minutes of Meetings of the Audit Committee held on 12 June 2024 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.

STRATEGIC RISKS 2022-2027: BI-ANNUAL UPDATE REPORT

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

After discussion and having heard the Risk & Health and Safety Officer in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed to note the strategic risks as detailed at Appendix 1 in the report.

BEST VALUE THEMATIC REPORT: WORKFORCE INNOVATION

A report was submitted by Chief Officer – People and Technology setting out the findings of the external audit analysis of the Council's approach to workforce innovation.

After discussion and having heard the Chief Officer – People & Technology and the Audit Director – Forvis Mazars in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed to note the content of the report and the two accepted recommendations.

INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN 2023/24 – PROGRESS TO 12 AUGUST 2024

A report was submitted by Chief Officer – Resources advising Members of progress to 12 August 2024 against the Internal Audit Plan for 2023/24.

After discussion and having heard the Chief Officer – Resources, the Head of Health and Community Care and the Education Service Manager in further explanation and in answer to Members' questions, the Committee agreed to note the content of this report.

FORVIS MAZARS - 2023/24 ANNUAL AUDIT PLAN

A report was submitted by Chief Officer – Resources presenting to Members for information the Forvis Mazars Annual Audit Plan for the year ending March 2024.

After discussion and having heard the Audit Director – Forvis Mazars, the External Auditor – Forvis Mazars and the Chief Officer – Resources in further detail and in answer to Members questions, the Committee agreed to note the 2023/24 Forvis Mazars Annual Audit Plan.

The meeting closed at 10.49 a.m.