

AUDIT COMMITTEE

26 January 2015

PRESENT:

Councillors Mosson (Chairman), Leytham (Vice Chairman), Norman and Strachan

Ms P. Moore – Independent Member

Officers in attendance – Carol Hunter, Jane Kitchen, Bal Nahal, Angela Struthers, Alison Swift, and Anthony Thomas.

Also present was Mr J Cook (Grant Thornton)

(**AN APOLOGY FOR ABSENCE** was received from Councillor Warfield).

Before the start of the meeting Ms Bal Nahal advised that Independent Member Mr Chris Knight had resigned from the Committee. Ms Nahal extended thanks on behalf of the Committee to Mr Knight for his services.

The Chairman introduced Mr James Cook from Grant Thornton who has replaced his colleague Ms Helen Edmonds on the Committee.

179 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no declarations of interest made.

180 MINUTES:

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 8 October 2014, as printed and previously circulated, were taken as read, approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

181 PROGRESS REPORT INTERNAL AUDIT:

Consideration was given to a report on the activity and performance of the Internal Audit Section for the period August 2014 to November 2014.

RESOLVED: That the Internal Audit Progress Report for the period August 2014 to November 2014 be noted.

182 FINAL RISK MANAGEMENT REPORT:

Consideration was given to a report to update the Committee on the Risk Management Strategy and the management of the Corporate Risk Register.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

183 THE ANNUAL AUDIT LETTER FOR LICHFIELD DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr James Cook of Grant Thornton informed Members that no significant issues arose from the audit of the Council's 2013-14 financial statements. Overall the external auditors are satisfied that the Council can deliver a balanced budget over the three year medium term and is taking appropriate action to ensure economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources and to identify medium term requirements and options.

RESOLVED: That the Annual Audit letter be noted

184 WORK PROGRAMME:

Members considered the Work Programme 2014/15.

RESOLVED: That following a request from the Director of Finance, Revenues & Benefits, the April meeting be moved to June.

185 VOTE OF THANKS:

RESOLVED: That the sincere thanks of the Committee be accorded to the Chairman and Vice-Chairman and officers involved with the Committee for their services during the past year.

(The Meeting closed at 6:26 pm)

CHAIRMAN