

Audit, Governance and Standards Committee

MINUTES of the OPEN section of the Audit, Governance and Standards Committee held on Monday 20 July 2020 at 6.30 pm at This meeting will be held remotely.

PRESENT: Councillor James McAsh (Chair)
Councillor Humaira Ali
Councillor Dora Dixon-Fyle MBE
Councillor Nick Dolezal
Councillor Tom Flynn
Councillor Andy Simmons
Councillor Dan Whitehead

OFFICER SUPPORT: Eleanor Kelly, chief executive
Duncan Whitfield, strategic director of finance and governance
Jo Anson, head of finance and information governance
Geraldine Chadwick, interim senior finance manager
Rob Woollatt, finance manager
Virginia Wynn-Jones, constitutional team

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were none.

2. CONFIRMATION OF VOTING MEMBERS

The members present were confirmed as the voting members.

3. NOTIFICATION OF ANY ITEMS OF BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT

There were none.

4. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

5. MINUTES

The minutes of 10 June 2020 were agreed as a correct record.

6. GOVERNANCE CONVERSATION: ELEANOR KELLY

The chief executive, Eleanor Kelly, attended the meeting and discussed the governance structures of the council with the committee.

7. COVID-19 PANDEMIC: FINANCIAL IMPACT 2020-21

Officers introduced the report. Members had questions of the officers.

RESOLVED:

1. That the audit, governance and standards committee noted:
 - The government grants to date to support the council's financial losses;
 - The impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on spending and income and the current funding shortfall;
 - The uncertainty around the additional government funding;
 - The plans in place to mitigate the financial risk to the council.

8. IN YEAR REVIEW OF WORK PROGRAMME - JULY 2020

Officers introduced the report. Members had questions of the officers.

Officers undertook to invite Caroline Bruce, the strategic director of environment and leisure, to the next meeting of the audit, governance and standards committee.

Officers undertook to bring an update report on the financial impact of the Covid-19 pandemic to the committee as a standing item.

Officers undertook to bring an update report on the governance of the shared IT service to the committee in November 2020.

Officers undertook to bring an update report on HR governance to the committee in February 2021.

RESOLVED:

2. That the audit, governance and standards committee considered potential governance topics for 2019-20 and onwards and agreed a format going forward.

Meeting ended at 8.00 pm

CHAIR:

DATED: