

Audit, Governance and Standards Committee

MINUTES of the OPEN section of the Audit, Governance and Standards Committee held on Wednesday 11 September 2019 at 6.30 pm at Ground Floor Meeting Room G02A - 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH

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

OFFICER SUPPORT: Duncan Whitfield, strategic director of finance and governance
Jo Anson, head of financial and information governance
Rob Woollatt, departmental finance manager
Michael Scorer, strategic director of finance and modernisation
Doreen Forrester-Brown, director of law and democracy
Angela Mason-Bell (BDO)
Greg Rubins (BDO)
Nick Baker (BDO)
Ciaran McLaughlin (Grant Thornton)
Virginia Wynn-Jones, constitutional team

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Dan Whitehead and Amrit Mangra.

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 the meeting of 16 July 2019 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the chair.

6. GOVERNANCE CONVERSATION: STRATEGIC DIRECTOR OF HOUSING & MODERNISATION

Michael Scorer, the strategic director of housing and modernisation, presented to the committee.

Officers undertook to circulate a diagram of the governance arrangements of the housing and modernisation department to the committee.

Officers undertook to circulate a timetable of the review of temporary accommodation to the committee.

7. BDO INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT

BDO presented to the committee. The committee had questions of BDO.

BDO undertook to ask officers for explanations of why the area which did not have a final report have not received a management response yet, and to update this in future audit progress reports.

BDO undertook to look at the implementation of the Fairer Future procurement framework in early 2020 and report back to the committee in future audit progress reports.

BDO undertook to ask officers for the reasons for the delay for the Planning and S106 audit recommendations and bring an update to the committee next meeting.

RESOLVED:

1. That the audit, governance and standards committee noted BDO's internal audit progress report, as attached at Appendix A of the report.

8. ANNUAL AUDIT LETTER FOR SOUTHWARK COUNCIL AND SOUTHWARK PENSION FUND 2018-19

Grant Thornton presented the report. Members had questions of Grant Thornton.

RESOLVED:

1. That the audit, governance and standards committee noted the final Annual Audit

Letter for Southwark Council and Southwark Pension Fund, attached as Appendix A of the report.

Meeting ended at 7.20 pm

CHAIR:

DATED: