

HINCKLEY AND BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

FINANCE, AUDIT & PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

8 FEBRUARY 2016 AT 6.30 PM

PRESENT: Mrs R Camamile - Chairman  
Mr P Wallace – Vice-Chairman

Mr DS Cope, Mr KWP Lynch, Mr LJP O'Shea, Miss DM Taylor and Mr HG Williams

Also in attendance: Avtar Sohal (Ernst & Young LLP) and Kate Mulhearn (PricewaterhouseCoopers)

Officers in attendance: Joseph Matharu, Rebecca Owen and Ashley Wilson

384 APOLOGIES AND SUBSTITUTIONS

The Chairman indicated that Councillor Williams would be late due to traffic.

385 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was moved by Councillor Cope, seconded by Councillor Lynch and

RESOLVED – the minutes of the meeting held on 7 December 2015 be approved.

386 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared at this stage.

387 INTRODUCTION OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITORS

The new external auditor from Ernst & Young LLP introduced himself to the Committee.

388 EXTERNAL AUDIT GRANTS CERTIFICATION REPORT 2014/15

The committee was presented with a report of the external auditor which provided an overview of the certification work undertaken to 31 March 2015.

Councillor Williams arrived at 18:34.

Members asked for clarification on the issues detailed in Appendix A of the report and were advised that each case was being monitored by management.

RESOLVED – the report be noted.

389 INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT

Members received a report that provided a progress update on the agreed 2015/16 internal audit plan.

Concern was expressed regarding the building control fees as the last review had been carried out in 2011. Members were assured by officers that work was ongoing to resolve any potential issue.

A member asked about the safeguarding recommendations contained in the report. Members were assured that whilst the processes were robust and progress was on track, a report to monitor improvements in decision tracking since implementation of the new document management system could be brought to a future meeting.

RESOLVED – the report be noted.

390 BUSINESS RATES AND POOLING UPDATE

The committee was informed of business rates performance from 1 April – 30 September and was provided with an update on pooling arrangements for 2015/16.

Members were advised that the forecast figures were subject to change.

RESOLVED – the report be noted.

391 FINANCE, AUDIT AND PERFORMANCE UPDATE - RESOURCES

Members were provided with an update on the financial, performance and risk position of Finance, Estates and Asset Management, ICT and Revenues & Benefits.

RESOLVED – the report be noted.

392 WORK PROGRAMME

The work programme was noted.

(The Meeting closed at 6.59 pm)

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CHAIRMAN