

HINCKLEY AND BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

AUDIT COMMITTEE

13 JUNE 2019 AT 7.00 PM

PRESENT: Mr DS Cope - Chairman

Mr REH Flemming, Mr MR Lay, Mr RB Roberts, Mr BR Walker, Mr HG Williams and Mr P Williams

Members in attendance: Councillors Mr DC Bill MBE, Mrs MJ Crooks, Mr WJ Crooks and Mr KWP Lynch

Officers in attendance: Tan Ashraf, Rebecca Owen and Ashley Wilson

29 APOLOGIES AND SUBSTITUTIONS

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillors Cook, Hollick and Smith.

30 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was moved by Councillor H Williams, seconded by Councillor Lay and

RESOLVED – the minutes of the meeting held on 11 April be confirmed and signed by the chairman.

31 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared at this stage.

32 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2018/19

Members received the draft Annual Governance Statement and Financial Statements for 2018/19 which would be subject to internal audit. During discussion, the following points were raised:

- Council house assets and cost of vacant possession
- The current level of borrowing, particularly in relation to housing rents
- The cost of bringing all council housing to decent homes standard and the cost of maintaining that standard
- The importance of making stock greener – it was suggested that this should be raised as a Scrutiny Commission item.

It was suggested that a separate briefing session be held to go through the documents in detail before final approval at the next meeting.

The external auditor then reported that Ernst & Young was experiencing resourcing issues and 19 audits across councils in England would not meet the deadline for agreement of the final accounts. Members reiterated the importance of making every effort to meet the deadline.

RESOLVED – the documents be endorsed for consideration at the following meeting.

(The Meeting closed at 7.47 pm)

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CHAIRMAN