

HINCKLEY AND BOSWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

AUDIT COMMITTEE

22 JUNE 2017 AT 6.30 PM

PRESENT: Mr RG Allen - Chairman

Mrs R Camamile, Mrs L Hodgkins, Mr KWP Lynch, Mr RB Roberts, Mr BE Sutton and Miss DM Taylor

Members in attendance: Councillor Mr MA Hall

Officers in attendance: Rebecca Owen and Ashley Wilson

Mr Bacon and Ms Stead of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP were in attendance.

43 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was moved by Councillor Camamile, seconded by Councillor Roberts and

RESOLVED – the minutes of the meeting held on 2 March 2017 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

44 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No interests were declared at this stage.

45 INTERNAL AUDIT ANNUAL REPORT

Members received a report on internal audit work carried out for the year ended 31 March 2017. Concern was expressed in relation to recommendations about reconciliations and it was highlighted that this had been a recurring concern over the past few years. In response, the auditor stated that the intended quarterly reporting should encourage more timely reconciliation. Members requested an update on this to a future meeting.

RESOLVED – the report be noted.

46 INTERNAL AUDIT CHARTER

Members received the Internal Audit Charter which provided the framework for the conduct of the internal audit function.

RESOLVED – the Internal Audit Charter be approved.

47 DRAFT INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN

A report was presented which set out the risk assessment and internal audit plan.

RESOLVED – the report be noted.

48 INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT - DISABLED FACILITIES GRANTS

Members received a report which reviewed the key controls in relation to disabled facilities grants. It was noted that no issues had been identified.

RESOLVED – the report be noted.

49 INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT - ESTATES & ASSETS

Members gave consideration to a report which reviewed controls relating to the Crescent and leisure centre developments. Whilst it was noted that these had been successful projects, bringing significant benefits, there were some lessons to be learned in relation to the style of recording and reporting progress. Members felt that they had been kept up to date but acknowledged that it may now be the appropriate time for a full report on each project following completion.

RESOLVED – the report be noted.

50 INTERNAL AUDIT - INFORMATION AND CYBER SECURITY REVIEW

Members received information on the current position of the authority in relation to cyber security. It was noted that whilst the relevant firewalls were in place, new software was being implemented to detect real time threats. An update on progress to implement the system was requested for a future meeting.

RESOLVED – the report be noted.

Councillor Hall left the meeting at 7.19pm.

51 ERNST & YOUNG RESPONSE TO GLOBAL CYBER SECURITY INCIDENT

A briefing note from Ernst & Young in response to the global cybersecurity incident was received and noted.

52 DRAFT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Consideration was given to the draft financial statements for 2016/17 and the annual governance statement.

RESOLVED – the unaudited financial statements and annual governance statements be endorsed.

(The Meeting closed at 7.36 pm)

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CHAIRMAN