

AUDIT, RISK AND GDPR SUB-COMMITTEE

TUESDAY 16TH APRIL 2024

Minutes of the meeting of the **AUDIT, RISK AND GDPR SUB-COMMITTEE** held in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Aycliffe Lane, Newton Aycliffe, on **TUESDAY, 16TH APRIL 2024** at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT **Councillor Carl Robinson (Chairman)** and
Councillors: Lindsey Aston, Arun M. Chandran, John Clark,
Brian McAnaney and Ken Robson

OFFICERS

Mrs Tracey Woodhead (Finance Manager)
Mr. Steve Ragg (Internal Auditor)
Miss Amanda Donald (Corporate & Policy Officer)

12. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Brian Haigh, Anita Sparrow and Michael Stead.

13. MEMBERS' DISPENSATIONS

No requests for dispensations had been received.

14. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

15. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no public questions.

16. MINUTES

It was proposed by Councillor Ken Robson, seconded by Councillor John Clark, and

RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting of the Audit, Risk and GDPR Sub-Committee, held on 27th February 2024, be received.

17. AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS UPDATE

The Finance Manager submitted a report updating members on the implementation of any outstanding or new internal audit recommendations since the last meeting of the Audit Sub-Committee on 27th February 2024.

Members were asked to note that there were five new audit recommendations, all of which have now been dealt with by officers.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended that the report be received.

18. INTERNAL AUDIT PROVISION

The Finance Manager submitted a report updating members on the Council's internal audit provision.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended that:

- i) The report be received.
- ii) The continued engagement of the existing Internal Auditor be confirmed.
- iii) The three-year Internal Audit Plan be approved.

19. INTERNAL AUDITOR'S REPORT

A report was submitted by the Internal Auditor to update members on the work completed in the year to date. The Internal Auditor confirmed that all of the Council's financial systems were well controlled and effective and he was able to complete the Internal Audit Report in the Annual Governance and Accountability Return to certify this.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended that the report be received.

20. RISK ASSESSMENT REPORT

The Corporate Management Team submitted a report providing information for the purpose of monitoring the Council's Risk Management Strategy.

It was noted that no new risks have been added to the Corporate Risk Register since the last meeting.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended that the report be received.

21. GENERAL DATA PROTECTION REGULATION UPDATE

The Corporate Management Team submitted a report providing an update on General Data Protection Regulation issues. It was noted that there had been no data breaches since the last meeting and that GDPR work was ongoing.

RESOLVED – that it be recommended that the report be received.

Chairman