

AUDIT AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting held at the Council Offices, Narborough

THURSDAY, 2 FEBRUARY 2023

Present:-

Cllr. Shane Blackwell (Chairman)

Cllr. Nick Chapman

Cllr. Paul Hartshorn

Cllr. Mark Jackson

Officers present:-

Sarah Pennelli	- Executive Director - S.151 Officer
Nick Brown	- Finance Group Manager
Kerry Beavis	- Senior Auditor
Sandeep Tienza	- Senior Democratic Services & Scrutiny Officer
Nicole Cramp	- Democratic & Scrutiny Services Officer
Isaac Thomas	- Democracy Support Officer

Apologies:-

Cllr. Stuart Coar and Cllr. Kirsteen Thomson

180. DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

No disclosures were received.

181. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 12 October 2022, as circulated, were approved as correct record.

182. RISK MANAGEMENT QUARTER 3 2022/23

Considered - Report of the Finance Group Manager.

The Finance Group Manager provided an update on the corporate risk register. A total of 12 high risks, 9 medium and 2 low risk creating a total of 23 risks.

DECISION

That the latest information in respect of the Council's major corporate risks be accepted.

Reason:

The overview of the Council's risk management processes is a key responsibility of the Audit and Corporate Governance Committee.

183. INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT 2022/23 Q3

Considered - Report of the Shared Service Audit Manager.

Cllr. Mark Jackson asked if staff shortages are a cause for the 7 overdue recommendations.

The Shared Service Audit Manager commented that there are staffing gaps which is preventing audits.

The Finance Group Managed advised that since the Covid19 pandemic Blaby District council has lost many staff some with years of expertise. This causes more strain on departments which unfortunately leads to delays in completed accounts.

DECISION

That the Audit & Corporate Governance Committee note the Internal Audit progress report.

Reason:

To keep the Audit and Standards Committee informed of progress and recent Internal Audit findings and recommendations, in line with the Public Sector Internal Audit Standards requirements.

THE MEETING CONCLUDED AT 6.01 P.M.