

Audit and Governance Committee

A meeting of Audit and Governance Committee was held on Monday, 26th September, 2022.

Present: Cllr Lauriane Povey(Vice-Chair), Cllr Chris Barlow, Cllr Lynn Hall (Substitute for Cllr Laura Tunney), Cllr Stefan Houghton, Cllr Ross Patterson, Cllr Mick Stoker,

Officers:

Also in attendance:

Apologies: Cllr Barry Woodhouse, Cllr Laura Tunney

AGC 19/22 Evacuation Procedures

The evacuation procedure was noted

AGC 20/22 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

AGC 21/22 Minutes of the Meeting held on 25th July 2022 For Approval

RESOLVED that the minutes be approved as a correct record by the Chair.

AGC 22/22 External Audit - Audit Progress Report

Members were presented with an update from Mazars detailing the work which had been done towards completing the Financial Statement for year end 31st March 2022.

Some significant matters remained outstanding for the 2022 Financial Statement; they were highlighted to members as:

- Detailed testing of property, plant and equipment valuations.
- Accounting for infrastructure which was subject to national discussion.
- Assurances from the pension fund auditor.

Mazars were confident that they would expect to issue their Audit Completion Report to the next meeting of the Audit and Governance Committee.

The impact of signing the report off in November was briefly discussed but members were reassured if the report is not signed off in November a statement of the statutory reasons would be issued. This would outline the reasons for the delay and would be able to clear it was due to external factors and not the within the Councils control.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

AGC 23/22 Risk Register Update and Audit Activity

Officers presented the Risk Register Update and Audit Activity report which outlined that no areas of concern had been identified. Officers highlighted that in the report an overall summary was given of controls in place to manage risks areas. This summary showed good levels of controls across the board.

Members expressed interest in the section of the report which showed a missed target in Waste Management. Officers explained that this had been due to not meeting a set target for recycling, the figures weren't immediately to hand but was understood there would be a report going to members from the service to discuss the topic.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

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Work Programme

The Work Programme was noted.