

Audit Committee and Audit Committee (Advisory) - 15 January 2019

Minutes of the meeting of the Audit Committee and Audit Committee (Advisory) held at Committee Room 4, Town Hall, Upper Street, N1 2UD - Islington Town Hall on 15 January 2019 at 6.30 pm.

Present: Councillors: Councillor Nick Wayne (Chair), Councillor Sue Lukes (Vice-Chair), Councillor Satnam Gill OBE, Councillor Una O'Halloran.

Also Present: Independent members: Alan Begg and Nick Whitaker

Councillor Nick Wayne in the Chair

24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (Item A1)

There were no apologies for absence.

25 DECLARATION OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS (Item A2)

None.

26 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item A3)

Cllr Nick Wayne and Cllr Satnam Gill both declared personal interests, as the current and previous Chair of Audit Committee both had been Chair of the Personnel Sub-Committee when it considered recruitments mentioned in the Whistleblowing complaint.

27 AUTHORISATION OF EXTERNAL INVESTIGATION INTO WHISTLEBLOWING COMPLAINTS (Item B1)

Following a briefing by the Head of Internal Audit, Investigations and Risk Management and the Assistant Director, Corporate and Dispute Resolution, the Chair concluded that, based on the nature and seriousness of the matters raised, that the steps proposed were necessary and proportionate.

RESOLVED:

- 2.1 That the appointment of an appropriate external investigator, to undertake an investigation into the whistleblowing complaints described in this report, be agreed.
- 2.2 That authority be delegated to the Assistant Director, Corporate and Dispute Resolution to select and appoint the investigator be agreed.

- 2.3 That the findings of the independent investigation are reported back to a future meeting of the Audit Committee, be agreed.

- 28** **AUTHORISATION OF EXTERNAL INVESTIGATION INTO WHISTLEBLOWING COMPLAINTS - EXEMPT APPENDICES (Item F1)**
That the information in the exempt appendix to agenda item B1 be noted (see Minute 27 for details).

The meeting ended at 7.03 pm

CHAIR