



Report of: Acting Director of Law and Governance and Monitoring Officer

Meeting of	Date	Agenda Item	Ward(s)
Audit Committee	29 September 2020		n/a

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Subject: MEMBERSHIP, TERMS OF REFERENCE AND DATES OF MEETINGS OF AUDIT AND AUDIT (ADVISORY) COMMITTEE

1. Synopsis

To inform members of the remit of the Audit and Audit (Advisory) Committee.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 To note the membership appointed by Council on 24 September 2020, terms of reference and dates of meetings of the Audit and Audit (Advisory) Committee for the municipal year 2020/21, as set out at Appendix A.

3. Background

- 3.1 The terms of reference of the Audit and Audit Advisory Committee (as contained in Part 5 of the Council's Constitution) are set out at Appendix A.
- 3.2 The membership and dates of meetings agreed are also set out at Appendix A for information.

4. Implications

4.1 Financial Implications

None.

4.2 Legal Implications

None.

4.3 Environmental implications

None.

4.4 Resident Impact Assessment

The council must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to eliminate discrimination, harassment and victimisation, and to advance equality of opportunity, and foster good relations, between those who share a relevant protected characteristic and those who do not share it (section 149 Equality Act 2010). The council has a duty to have due regard to the need to remove or minimise disadvantages, take steps to meet needs, in particular steps to take account of disabled persons' disabilities, and encourage people to participate in public life. The council must have due regard to the need to tackle prejudice and promote understanding.

A resident impact assessment has not been carried out since the contents of this report relate to a purely administrative function and will not impact on residents.

5. Conclusion and reasons for recommendations

The report is submitted to ensure members are fully informed of the remit of the Committees and their administrative arrangements.

Background papers:

None.

Final report clearance

Signed by



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AUDIT COMMITTEE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE (ADVISORY)

1. COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP – (Agreed at Annual Council 24 September 2020)

Councillors	Substitute Members
Nick Wayne (Chair)	Jenny Kay
Andy Hull (Vice-Chair)	Roulin Khondoker
Troy Gallagher	Flora Williamson
Anjna Khurana	John Woolf
<u>Independent Members - Audit Committee (Advisory)</u> Alan Begg Alan Finch	

2. FUTURE MEETING DATES

N.B – It is anticipated that all meetings will be held remotely, until further notice.

25 January 2021 at 7.00pm	16 March 2021 at 7.00pm	25 May 2021 at 7.00pm
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3. AUDIT COMMITTEE

Composition

The membership of the committee shall not include any members of the Executive.

The membership of the Audit Committee (Advisory) shall include two independent members.

Quorum

The quorum shall be three members, not including Independent members

Terms of Reference

Audit Committee (Advisory) Functions

To consider the following matters and to make recommendations concerning them to the relevant Council bodies or to officers:

1. The Head of Internal Audit's annual report and opinion and the level of assurance internal audit activity can give over the Council's corporate governance arrangements;
2. The external auditor's annual letter, relevant reports and the report to those charged with governance on issues arising from the audit of the accounts;
3. Reports dealing with the management, performance and value for money of the providers of internal and external audit services;
4. A report from internal audit on agreed recommendations not implemented within a reasonable timescale;
5. The appointment of the Council's external auditor;
6. Work to be commissioned from internal and external audit;
7. Specific internal and external audit reports as requested;
8. The contract procedure rules and financial regulations in the Council's constitution and the Council's compliance with its own and other published standards and controls;
9. Any issue referred to it by the Council, Executive, Policy and Performance Scrutiny Committee or the Chief Executive;
10. The Council's arrangements for corporate governance and risk management and recommend necessary actions to ensure compliance with best practice;
11. The production and content of the authority's Annual Governance Statement;
12. The annual report from the Monitoring Officer concerning standards of member conduct, which shall include a summary of complaints received under the Code of Conduct Complaints Procedure and their outcome.
13. Any report on any matter relevant to the advisory functions of the Committee which the Committee may request from the Corporate Director of Resources or other proper officer.

Audit Committee Decision-Making Functions

Audit related matters

To review and agree the annual statement of accounts, including considering whether appropriate accounting policies have been followed and whether there are concerns arising from the financial statements or the audit that need to be brought to the attention of the council.

1. To adopt the authority's Annual Governance Statement.

2. To agree annually the amount calculated by the Council as its tax base for the whole area of the borough, any tax base applying as special levies, and other matters associated with the tax base.

General Matters

3. To appoint a Personnel Sub-Committee, including approval of its terms of reference and membership. Members of the Sub-Committee will be the Leader of the Council, the Executive Member with responsibility for Human Resources, and three ordinary member positions. One of the ordinary committee members will be the appointed Chair. All other Executive Members will be appointed to act as substitutes for the Committee, with the relevant Executive Member joining the Committee depending on the appointment being made. There will also be 5 ordinary member substitutes, one of whom will be the Chair of Audit Committee.
4. To appoint a Pensions Sub-Committee.
5. To appoint such other sub-committees or other bodies, including their membership and terms of reference, as the Committee deems from time to time appropriate.
6. To grant exemptions under section 3 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989 from political restriction to holders of posts under the Council and to give directions as to inclusion of specified posts in the list maintained by the Council under section 2(2) of that Act.
7. To make appointments between council meetings to those outside bodies and panels appointed to by the Council under Part 3 paragraph 7.2.
8. To determine matters relating to the organisation and conduct of elections, including the following:
 - i. division of the constituency into polling districts;
 - ii. division of the borough into polling districts.
9. To regulate matters affecting members, including remuneration, expenditure and training and to promote high standards of conduct amongst members.
10. To recommend to Council the introduction, amendment or revocation of byelaws.
11. To take decisions on any matter within the terms of reference of any of its sub-committees where the proper officer considers that it is necessary and reasonable to do so.
12. All other non-Executive matters specified under the relevant legislation save for those which are delegated to officers (unless the relevant Corporate Director refers the matter to the committee) or are reserved to the Council under paragraph 1 of Part 3 of this Constitution or to the Licensing Committee or Licensing Regulatory Committee and Planning committees.