

Meeting of the Full Council - 17 October 2019

Report of the Audit, Risk and Governance Committee meeting held on 29 July 2019

Chair: County Councillor Alan Schofield

Part I (Open to Press and Public)

Constitution, Membership and Terms of Reference 2019/20

The Chair presented the Constitution, Membership and Terms of Reference of the committee for 2019/20.

Resolved: That

- (i) The appointment of County Councillors Alan Schofield and Edward Nash as Chair and Deputy Chair respectively of the Audit, Risk and Governance Committee for the 2019/20 municipal year be noted.
- (ii) The membership of the Audit, Risk and Governance Committee for the 2019/20 municipal year, as set out in the report, and the terms of reference of the committee as set out at appendix A be noted.

Internal Audit Progress Report

Ruth Lowry, Head of Internal Audit, presented an update on the Internal Audit Service's work. The report included key findings, issues of concern and actions undertaken as a result of the work. The committee also reviewed the final internal audit progress report and outcomes of the work for 2018/19 for the period to 30 June 2019.

Resolved: That the Internal Audit progress report, as presented, be noted.

Internal / External Audit Protocol

Ruth Lowry, Head of Internal Audit, presented the protocol setting out how Lancashire County Council's Internal Audit Service and Grant Thornton, as its external auditor, worked together, differentiated responsibilities and established a framework for coordination, cooperation and exchange of information.

Resolved: That the Internal / External Audit Protocol, as presented, be noted.

Approval of the County Council and County Pension Fund Letters of Representation 2018/19

Khadija Saeed, Head of Corporate Finance, presented the County Council and County Pension Fund Letters of Representation for 2018/19.

Resolved: That

- (i) The management representation letters at appendix A and appendix B be noted.
- (ii) It was agreed that they be signed by the Chief Financial Officer and the Chair of the Audit, Risk and Governance Committee prior to being made available to the external auditor.

External Audit - Lancashire County Council Audit Findings Report 2018/19

Robin Baker, Director and Engagement Lead and Angela Pieri, Engagement Manager, representing Grant Thornton, the county council's external auditors, presented the audit findings for Lancashire County Council. The report explained the overall findings of the external auditor in relation to the audit of the annual accounts of Lancashire County Council, the external auditor's proposed opinion on the accounts; and the value for money conclusion.

Resolved: That the adjustments to the financial statements and the other issues raised by the auditor set out in the report be noted.

External Audit - Lancashire County Pension Fund Audit Findings Report 2018/19

Robin Baker, Director and Engagement Lead and Angela Pieri, Engagement Manager, representing Grant Thornton, the county council's external auditors, presented the audit findings for Lancashire County pension fund.

Resolved: That the adjustments to the financial statements and the other issues raised by the auditor as set out in the report be noted.

Approval of the Council's Statement of Accounts 2018/19

Khadija Saeed, Head of Corporate Finance, presented the Council's 2018/19 Statement of Accounts.

Resolved: That the 2018/19 Statement of Accounts be approved.

Treasury Management Activity Outturn 2018-19

Mike Jensen, Director of Investment for Financial Services, presented the Treasury Management Activity Outturn 2018-19.

Resolved: That the report detailing the review of treasury management activities for 2018/19 be noted.

Corporate Risk & Opportunity Register - Quarter 2 2019/20

Paul Bond, Head of Legal and Democratic Services, presented the updated Corporate Risk and Opportunities register for quarter two. It was noted that there were no additions or deletions to the register.

Resolved: That the updated Corporate Risk and Opportunity Register as set out at appendix A be noted.

Chairman's Annual Report 2018/19

The Chair presented the second Chairman's Annual Report 2018/19.

Resolved: That the Chairman's Annual Report, as presented, be noted.

Draft Committee Work Plan 2019/20

Paul Bond, Head of Legal and Democratic Services, presented the draft committee work plan for 2019/20.

Resolved: That the draft work plan for 2019/20 be noted.

County Councillor Alan Schofield
Chair