

## Meeting of the Audit, Risk and Governance Committee (24 July 2023)

**Chair:** County Councillor Alan Schofield

### Part I (Open to Press and Public)

#### Treasury Management Activity 2022/23

The committee considered a report presented by Mike Jensen, Director of Investment on the council's treasury management activities occurring in the financial year 2022/23 and the position at 31 March 2023.

**Resolved:** That the review of treasury management activity 2022/23, as presented, be noted.

#### Statement of Accounts 2022/23

The committee considered a report presented by Khadija Saeed, Head of Corporate Finance on the delay to the council's statement of accounts for the financial year 2022/23.

**Resolved:** That the delay to the publication of the council's statement of accounts for the financial year 2022/23 be noted.

#### External Audit - Audit Progress Report and Sector Update

The committee considered a report presented by Stuart Basnett, Audit Manager at Grant Thornton which provided an update on the audit and wider sector as of July 2023.

**Resolved:** That the Audit Progress Report and Sector Update for July 2023, as presented, be noted.

#### External Audit - Lancashire County Council Audit Plan 2022/23

The committee considered a report presented by Sarah Ironmonger, Partner at Grant Thornton on the Lancashire County Council Audit Plan for 2022/23.

**Resolved:** That the Lancashire County Council Audit Plan 2022/23, as presented, be noted.



## **External Audit - Lancashire County Pension Fund Audit Plan 2022/23**

The committee considered a report presented by Sarah Ironmonger, Partner at Grant Thornton on the Lancashire County Pension Fund Audit Plan for 2022/23.

**Resolved:** That the Lancashire County Pension Fund Audit Plan 2022/23, as presented, be noted.

## **Internal Audit Progress Report**

The committee considered a report presented by Andy Dalecki, Head of Internal Audit which provided an update on the Internal Audit Service's work and outcome for 2022/23, for the period to 27 June 2023.

**Resolved:** That the Internal Audit Progress Report, as presented, be noted.

## **Internal Audit Annual Report 2022/23**

The committee considered a report presented by Andy Dalecki, Head of Internal Audit which set out the Internal Audit Annual Report 2022/23.

**Resolved:** That the Internal Audit Annual Report for 2022/23, as presented, be noted.

## **Internal Audit Charter**

The committee considered a report presented by Andy Dalecki, Head of Internal Audit which set out the updated Internal Audit Charter.

**Resolved:** That the Internal Audit Charter, as presented, be approved.

## **Review of Arrangements for the Oversight of Council Controlled Companies**

The committee considered a report presented by Paul Bond, Head of Legal, Governance and Registration on the work undertaken to strengthen the county council's strategic management of its wholly or partly owned companies.

**Resolved:** That

- i) The information about the oversight of council controlled companies, in particular the role of the newly established Company Member Cabinet Committee, be noted; and
- ii) Any risks identified by the Company Member Cabinet Committee in relation to companies be reported to the Audit, Risk and Governance Committee as appropriate.



## **Corporate Risk and Opportunity Register – Quarter 1 Update**

The committee considered a report presented by Paul Bond, Head of Legal, Governance and Registration which set out the updated Corporate Risk and Opportunity Register for Quarter 1 of 2023/24.

**Resolved:** That the updated Corporate Risk and Opportunity Register, as presented, be noted.

## **Chairman's Annual Report**

The committee considered the Chairman's Annual Report for 2022/23.

**Resolved:** That the Chairman's Annual Report for 2022/23 be noted.

## **Draft Work Plan 2023/24**

The committee considered a report which set out the draft work plan for the Audit, Risk and Governance Committee for 2023/24.

**Resolved:** That the Audit, Risk and Governance Committee work plan for 2023/24, as presented and reviewed, be noted.

## **Part II (Not Open to Press and Public)**

### **Appendix 'B' to Item 14 - Corporate Risk and Opportunity Register - Quarter 1 Update**

(Not for Publication – Exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 3 and 7 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972. It is considered that in all the circumstances of the case the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interests in disclosing the information).

The committee considered the private and confidential Appendix B to Item 14 – Corporate Risk and Opportunity Register – Quarter 1 Update.

**Resolved:** That

- i) Appendix B to Item 14 – Corporate Risk and Opportunity Register – Quarter 1 Update, be noted; and
- ii) A specific report on Risk CORP6 – cyber security be provided at a future committee meeting, following discussion with the service.

### **Counter Fraud, Special Investigations and Whistleblowing Annual Report**

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circumstances of the case the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.)

The committee considered a private and confidential report presented by Peter Walker, Investigations Manager and Money Laundering Reporting Officer which outlined the current fraud risk landscape, a summary of fraud investigations completed and whistleblowing complaints received in 2022/23, and details of the Internal Audit Service's ongoing and planned anti-fraud work.

**Resolved:** That the Counter Fraud, Special Investigations and Whistleblowing Annual Report be noted.

