

Minutes

Audit Committee

Date: 13 December 2024

Time: 13:00

Venue: FSHQ

Present:

Cllr Renshaw (in the chair) Cllrs Ahmed, Buckley, Parnham and Wood

In Attendance:

Paul Burnham (Independent Person for Audit), Paul Hewitson, (External Auditor) (via Microsoft Teams.)

Apologies:

Cllr Carlisle

1. Minutes of last meeting held on 25 October 2024

Resolved

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 25 October 2024 be signed by the Chair as a correct record

2. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

3. Urgent items

There were no urgent items

4. Admission of the public

There were no items requiring the exclusion of the press or public.

5. Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest in relation to any item of business on the agenda.

6. External Audit Report 2022/23

The External Auditor introduced the Auditors Annual report for 2022/23, including the Value for Money (VfM) report which fulfils the requirements of the Accounts and Audit Regulations for an Annual Audit Letter. The report confirmed that there have been no significant weaknesses in the Authority's VfM arrangements identified, and therefore no recommendations.

The External Auditor's report met the government legislative backstop date of 13 December 2024 and detailed the work undertaken to issue a disclaimer of opinion.

Members challenged the report author on the value of a disclaimer of opinion.

Resolved

- a) That the report be noted and approved.
- b) That the Statement of Accounts for 2022/23 be approved and published

Chair