

AUDIT COMMITTEE

30 June 2016

Present:-

Councillors R Edgell (Chairman), J Berry, A Hannan and D Hannon

Apologies:-

Councillors C Clarence, F Biederman and B Hughes

* **1** Minutes

RESOLVED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 23 March 2016 be signed as a correct record.

* **2** Annual Governance Statement

The Committee considered the Report of the Corporate Leadership Team (CS/16/19) on the governance statement which the Council was required to publish in accordance with CIPFA/SOLACE guidance and to comply with Regulation 6 of the Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2015.

It was **MOVED** by Councillor Berry, **SECONDED** by Councillor Hannan and

RESOLVED that the Annual Governance Statement for 2015/16 be approved and Chairman be authorised to sign the Statement.

* **3** Annual Internal Audit Report 2015-16

The Committee considered the Report of the Head of Devon Audit Partnership (CT/16/65) on the performance of Devon Audit Partnership against the internal audit plans for 2015/16, together with revised wording circulated at the meeting relating to payroll authorisation, recognising the progress with and continuing concerns in this area and activity, concluding that internal audit was able to provide significant assurance on the adequacy and effectiveness of the Council's internal control framework.

The Head of the Partnership undertook to provide further information on the concessionary travel reimbursements together with an explanation as to why the Town and Parish Fund had been removed from the Audit Plan and why it should not be reinstated in the work programme.

It was **MOVED** by Councillor Hughes, **SECONDED** by Councillor Berry and

RESOLVED

(a) that the internal audit opinion that the Council's systems contain a satisfactory level of internal control be noted;

(b) that the satisfactory performance and achievements of Devon Audit Partnership during 2015/16 be noted;

(c) that the Council's continuing commitment to the maintenance and enhancement of anti-fraud culture be endorsed.

* **4** **External Audit Update**

The Committee noted the Report of Grant Thornton (CT/16/66) outlining progress on the delivery of their responsibilities as the Council's external auditors and included a summary of emerging national issues and development relevant to the Council.

* **5** **Corporate Risk Management Group**

The Committee noted the Report of the Head of Services to Communities (SC/16/9) providing an update on risk management practice within the Council, including work being undertaken to specifically identify the Council's strategic risks and where appropriate to include these on the risk register.

At the request of Members, the Head of Service would explore the viability of publishing the Risk Register on the Council's public website.

* **6** **Future Meetings**

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