

AUDIT COMMITTEE - 22 June 2020

MINUTES

Present: Councillors: Mr T Beirne (Chairman), Ms G Chauhan, Mbajah, A Adeyemo, M Gough (Vice-Chairman) and M McLoughlin

Officers: Julie Cooper, Gemma Farrington, Paul Johnson, Anna Leggett, Adam Paterson, Neil Preece (External Auditor), John Robinson, Bethany Smith, and Steve Sparkes.

1. APOLOGIES

There were no apologies for absence.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

3. QUESTIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

There were no questions or deputations.

4. VERBAL UPDATE FROM THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR

The External Auditor gave Members a brief progress update on matters since the previous meeting on 9th March 2020.

RESOLVED

Members noted the progress update.

5. MINUTES

Members considered the minutes from their meeting held on 9th March 2020.

RESOLVED

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th March 2020 were confirmed as a true record.

6. EXTERNAL AUDIT PLAN UPDATE

The External Auditor provided an update to the planned scope and timing of the statutory audit of Solihull MBC (the 'Authority') as reported in the Audit Plan dated 9 March 2020, for those charged with governance.

RESOLVED

The Committee noted the External Audit Plan update.

7. TREASURY MANAGEMENT OUTTURN REPORT 2019/20

The Treasury and Corporate Accountant reminded Members of their responsibility under the regulatory environment for the review and scrutiny of treasury management policy and activities.

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The report detailed the outturn position for treasury activities and highlighted compliance with the Council's policies as previously approved by Members.

RESOLVED

The Committee recommends that Council approves the Treasury Management Outturn 2019/20 report, as attached at Appendix A.

8. DRAFT STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2019/20

Members were asked to review the Council's draft Statement of Accounts 2019/20 set out in Appendix A of the report.

RESOLVED

The Committee reviewed the Council's draft Statement of Accounts 2019/20 (Appendix A) and were content for it to be considered by Governance Committee on 25 June 2020.

9. MONITORING REPORT – INTERNAL AUDIT

To inform the Committee of work undertaken by Internal Audit as at 22nd June 2020.

RESOLVED

The Committee noted the work undertaken by Internal Audit as at 22nd June 2020.

10. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Chairman did move that the press and public be now excluded from the remainder of the business to be transacted on the grounds that there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.

11. MINUTES

The private minutes were approved.