Governance and Audit Committee



Wednesday, 22 December 2021 at 2.00 pm Council Chamber - South Kesteven House, St. Peter's Hill, Grantham. NG31 6PZ

Committee Councillor Mark Whittington (Chairman) **Members:** Councillor Paul Wood (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Ashley Baxter, Councillor Gloria Johnson, Councillor Kaffy Rice-Oxley,

Councillor Jacky Smith and Councillor Sue Woolley

Agenda

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1. Apologies for absence

2. Disclosure of interests

Members are asked to disclose any interests in matters for consideration at the meeting.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 20 October 2021

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4. Updates from previous meeting

To consider updates on Actions agreed at the meeting held on 20

October 2021.

5. Internal Audit Progress Report

(Pages 13 - 35)

The internal audit plan for 2021/22 was approved by the Governance and Audit Committee at the 18 March 2021 meeting. This report provides an update on progress against that plan and summarises the results of our work to date.

6. Internal Audit Follow Up Report

(Pages 37 - 51)

We have undertaken a review to follow up on progress made to implement the previously agreed management actions.

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7. Counter Fraud Framework

One of the key areas for Governance and Audit Committee, as part of its terms of reference, is to monitor and review the counter fraud arrangements in place which includes approving the Counter Fraud Framework.

(Pages 85 - 103)

(Pages 53 - 84)

8. Financial Management Code

To update Members on the progress being made on the implementation of the new CIPFA Financial Management Code. The report provides an update on the progress of the Action Plan that was approved by the Committee on 9 June 2021.

9. Treasury Management Mid-Year Review

This Council is required by regulations issued under the Local Government Act 2003 to produce regular reports on treasury and debt management operations during the financial year. This report meets the requirements of the CIPFA code of practice on Treasury Management (the Code).

(Pages 105 - 136)

10. Planning Service Review - Progress Report

This report updates the Governance and Audit Committee on the actions undertaken following a review of the Planning Service.

(To follow)

11. Work Programme 2021 - 2022

To consider the Committee's Work Programme for 2021 – 2022.

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12. Any other business, which the chairman, by reasons of special circumstances, decides is urgent.