



Committee: AUDIT COMMITTEE
Date: WEDNESDAY, 25 NOVEMBER 2020
Venue: THIS WILL BE A VIRTUAL MEETING
Time: 6.10 P.M.

A G E N D A

1. Apologies for Absence

2. Minutes

Minutes of meeting held on 27th August 2020 (previously circulated).

3. Items of Urgent Business authorised by the Chair

4. Declarations of Interest

To receive declarations by Councillors of interests in respect of items on this Agenda.

Councillors are reminded that, in accordance with the Localism Act 2011, they are required to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests which have not already been declared in the Council's Register of Interests. (It is a criminal offence not to declare a disclosable pecuniary interest either in the Register or at the meeting).

Whilst not a legal requirement, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 9 and in the interests of clarity and transparency, Councillors should declare any disclosable pecuniary interests which they have already declared in the Register, at this point in the meeting.

In accordance with Part B Section 2 of the Code Of Conduct, Councillors are required to declare the existence and nature of any other interests as defined in paragraphs 8(1) or 9(2) of the Code of Conduct.

5. Annual Review of the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2020 (RIPA) Policy and Procedure (inc. appendixes A, B & C) (Pages 3 - 32)

Report of the Information Governance Manager.

6. Revision of Contract Procedure Rules (Pages 33 - 57)

Report of the Head of Financial Services.

7. Internal Audit Monitoring Report (Pages 58 - 67)

Report of the Internal Audit and Assurance Manager.

8. Updated Strategic Risk Register (Pages 68 - 72)

Verbal update from the Internal Audit and Assurance Manager.

9. Statement of Accounts 2019/20 Progress Report (Pages 73 - 76)

Report of the Chief Finance Officer.

10. External Audit Plan: Year ending 31 March 2020 (Pages 77 - 102)

Report of the Chief Financial Officer.

(Appendix A: Lancaster Council Audit Plan 2020 – report published 18:11:2020)

11. FRC Major Local Audits: Audit Quality Local Inspection (Pages 103 - 139)

Report of the Chief Financial Officer.

12. Independent Review into the Oversight of Local Audit and the Transparency of Local Authority Financial Reporting (The Redmond Review) (Pages 140 - 228)

Report of the Chief Finance Officer.

13. Annual Review of Audit Committee Performance (Pages 229 - 236)

Report of the Internal Audit and Assurance Manager.

ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

(i) Membership

Councillors Paul Stubbins (Chair), Stephie Barber, Abbott Bryning, Geoff Knight (Vice-Chair), Oliver Robinson, David Whitworth and Katie Whearty

(ii) Substitute Membership

Councillors Jason Firth (Substitute), Stewart Scothern (Substitute), David Whitaker (Substitute) and Joanna Young (Substitute)

(iii) Queries regarding this Agenda

Please contact Eric Marsden, Democratic Services - email emarsden@lancaster.gov.uk.

(iv) Changes to Membership, substitutions or apologies

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