

Chairman - Councillor A M Loughran

Present (for all or part of the meeting):-

Councillors:

M G Dodson

D Fordham

R A James

P W Jones

J A Nixon

Cabinet Member - Councillor R M Smith - Deputy Leader and Resources Portfolio

Officers in attendance:-

Mrs J Aupers

Mr S Baddeley

Mr A Bailey

Mr J Dean

Head of Governance

Senior Internal Auditor

Scrutiny Officer

Democratic Services Officer

Also present:-

Mr J Farrar

Mr A Sohar

Mr H Samatar

Councillor R M Sutherland

Director, Grant Thornton

Director, Grant Thornton

Manager, Grant Thornton

#### **AAC44 Minutes**

Minutes of the meeting held on 2 February 2021, as previously circulated, were agreed as a correct record.

#### **AAC45 Internal Audit Progress Report 2020-21**

Considered the report of the Chief Internal Auditor presenting for information progress of the work of Internal Audit.

The Chief Internal Auditor provided a summary of the level of assurance for each of the audits completed in the quarter and noted the continued impact of the Coronavirus pandemic on the work of the Audit Team moving forward.

Continuing, Mr Baddeley outlined the audits completed by 31 January 2021, noting the detail as set out the appendices to the report.

Members subsequently voted on the recommendation as set out, which was declared to be carried.

RESOLVED:- that in exercise of the powers delegated to the Committee the Internal Audit Progress Report 2020-21 be noted.

The Chief Internal Auditor undertook to provide Members with detail of the planned audit yet to commence, as set out in appendix 1 of the report.

**AAC46 Internal Audit Plan for 2021-22**

Considered the report of the Chief Internal Auditor seeking approval of the Internal Audit Plan for 2021-22.

The Chief Internal Auditor introduced the report, highlighting section 5 and the associated appendix 1 for Members attention. The Committee were invited to raise any questions associated to the report, which were subsequently addressed by Officers. Specific reference was made to:-

- Available resources for delivery of the Audit Plan;
- Sharing of fee for IHL (CCDC's leisure provider);
- Identification of risks for focus of 2021/22 work;
- 'Non-operational' days available;
- Chargeable work – contingency budget;
- Leisure open book and recovery arrangements;
- IT Health check / IT Assurance / Vulnerability Scanning / Cyber Assurance Arrangements

At the conclusion of their discussions Members voted on the recommendation as set out, which was declared to be carried.

RESOLVED:- that in exercise of the powers delegated to the Committee the Internal Audit Plan for 2021-22 be approved.

**AAC47 Mr John Farrar, Director Grant Thornton**

Mr Farrar reported that this was the last meeting of the Audit and Accounts Committee he would be attending in his role as external auditor to the Council.

The Chairman and fellow Members wished their thanks to Mr Farrar in respect of his input to the meetings of the committee be placed on record.

Mr Avtar Sohal, Director, would represent Grant Thornton at future meetings of the Audit and Accounts Committee.

CHAIRMAN