

# **SOUTHEND-ON-SEA CITY COUNCIL**

## **Meeting of Audit Committee**

**Date: Wednesday, 11th January, 2023**

**Place: Committee Room 1 - Civic Suite**

**Present:** Councillor M Dent (Chair)  
Councillors I Shead (Vice-Chair), H Boyd, K Buck, T Cox,  
M Davidson, A Line, R McMullan, K Murphy and K Pandya

**In Attendance:** A Barnes, R Harris, S Dutton and C Fozzard

**Start/End Time:** 6.30 pm - 7.20 pm

### **600 Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies for absence at this meeting.

### **601 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest at this meeting.

### **602 Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday, 23 November 2022**

Resolved:

That the Minutes of the Meeting held on Wednesday, 23 November 2022, be confirmed as a correct record and signed.

### **603 External Audit 2020/21 status - verbal update**

The Committee received a verbal update on the status of the 2020/21 external audit.

The Committee noted that the 2020/21 external audit was substantially complete, subject to a number of remaining elements, and it was anticipated that the audit will be completed before the end of this financial year (2022/23).

Resolved:

That the update on the status of the external audit 2020/21, be noted.

### **604 Treasury Management Policy for 2023/24**

The Committee considered a report of the Executive Director (Finance and Resources) outlining the treasury management policy for 2023/24 comprising the following documents:

- Treasury Management Policy Statement for 2023/24;
- Treasury Management Strategy for 2023/24; and
- Annual Treasury Management Investment strategy for 2023/24.

The Committee asked a number of questions which were responded to by officers.

Resolved:

That the Treasury Management Policy for 2023/24, be endorsed.

**605 Homes England compliance report for 2022/23**

The Committee considered a report of the Executive Director (Finance and Resources) presenting the findings from the Homes England Compliance Audit work for 2022/23.

The Committee asked a number of questions which were responded to by officers.

Resolved:

That the findings from the Homes England Compliance Audit work for 2022/23, be noted.

**606 Internal Audit Service Quarterly Performance Report**

The Committee considered a report of the Executive Director (Finance and Resources) providing an update on the progress made in delivering the Internal Audit Strategy for 2022/23.

The Committee asked a number of questions which were responded to by officers.

Resolved:

That the progress made in delivering the 2022/23 Internal Audit Strategy, be noted.

**607 Counter Fraud & Investigation Team Quarterly Performance Report**

The Committee considered a report of the Executive Director (Finance and Resources) on the progress made in delivering the Counter Fraud Strategy and Work Programme for 2022/23.

The Committee asked a number of questions which were responded to by officers.

Resolved:

That the performance of the Counter Fraud and Investigation Team since November 2022, be noted.

**Chair:** \_\_\_\_\_