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AUDIT & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE - WEDNESDAY, 11 NOVEMBER 2020

| <i>RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE AGENDA</i> | <i>DECISIONS</i> | <i>ACTION</i> |
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| 1. Apologies for Absence and Temporary Appointments | Cllr Jeannette Matelot advised she will continue to attend the Committee on a temporary basis. | DLG (A. Newman) |
| 2. Declaration of Interests | None. | |
| 3. Minutes To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 16 September 2020 and to receive information arising from them. | The minutes of 16 September 2020 were agreed. | DLG (L.Tyrrell) |
| 4. Petitions and Public Address | None. | |
| 5. OFRS Statement of Assurance 2019-20 The Fire and Rescue National Framework for England (the Framework) sets out a requirement for fire and rescue authorities to provide an annual statement of assurance on financial, governance and operational matters and to show how they have due regard to the requirements of the Framework and the expectations set out in authorities' own integrated risk management plans. To demonstrate this, the Framework requires that each authority must publish an annual statement of assurance. The Statement of Assurance 2019/20 document is intended to meet the obligation to produce this statement through reference to public webpages, existing reports and documents. | | |

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| <i>The Audit & Governance committee is RECOMMENDED to approve the report in its entirety.</i> | Recommendation agreed. | CS (R. Macdougall) |
| 6. Provision Cycle Provision Cycle update to the Committee. | | |
| 7. Treasury Management Mid Term Review The report sets out the Treasury Management activity undertaken in the first half of the financial year 2020/21 in compliance with the CIPFA Code of Practice. The report includes Debt and Investment activity, Prudential Indicator monitoring and forecast interest receivable and payable for the financial year. <i>The Audit & Governance Committee is RECOMMENDED to:</i> <i>a) note the report, and</i> <i>b) recommend Council to note the Council's Mid-Term Treasury Management Review 2020/21.</i> | Recommendations agreed. | DF (T. Chapple) |
| 8. External Auditors Representatives from Ernst & Young will attend to present the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oxfordshire County Council Draft Audit Results Report - Year ended 31 March 2020 • Oxfordshire Pension Fund 2019/20 Audit Results Report | The reports were noted. | E&Y (J. Dawson and A. Balmer) |
| 9. Counter-fraud Update This report presents an update on the Counter Fraud Arrangements. <i>The committee is RECOMMENDED to comment and note the updated arrangements for Counter-Fraud.</i> | Recommendation agreed. | DF (S. Cox) |

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| <p>10. Redmond Review of Local Government Audit</p> <p>In July 2019, upon the request of the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG), Sir Tony Redmond commenced an independent review into the arrangements in place to support the transparency and quality of local authority financial reporting and external audit in England. The review received 156 responses to the Calls for Views and carried out more than 100 interviews. The report arising from the review was published on 8th September 2020. The key findings of the Review, summary of recommendations, and potential implications for the Council are set in this report.</p> <p><i>The Audit and Governance Committee is RECOMMENDED to note the findings of the Redmond review.</i></p> | <p>Recommendation agreed.</p> | <p>DF (H. Doney)</p> |
| <p>11. Audit Working Group Report</p> <p>This report presents the matters considered by the Audit Working Group Meeting of 21 October 2020.</p> <p><i>The Committee is RECOMMENDED to note the report.</i></p> | <p>Recommendation agreed.</p> | <p>DF (S. Cox)</p> |
| <p>12. Carillion Update</p> <p>The Director for Property, Investment and Facilities Management will present a verbal update to the Committee.</p> | <p>The verbal update was noted.</p> | <p>DPIC (G. Eleftheriou)</p> |
| <p>13. Work Programme</p> <p>To review the Committee's work programme.</p> | <p>The following changes were agreed: 13 January – Provision Cycle restructure update 03 March – Provision Cycle Update</p> | |