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AUDIT & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE - WEDNESDAY, 2 JUNE 2021

<i>RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE AGENDA</i>	<i>DECISIONS</i>	<i>ACTION</i>
1. Apologies for Absence and Temporary Appointments	Councillor Bethia Thomas substituting for Councillor Ian Middleton.	DLG (A. Newman)
2. Declaration of Interests - see guidance note	None.	
3. Minutes To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 3 March 2021 and 18 May 2021 (to follow) and to receive information arising from them.	The minutes of 3 March 2021 and 18 May 2021 were agreed.	DLG (L. Tyrrell)
4. Petitions and Public Address	None.	
5. Audit Working Group Terms of Reference and Appointments to the Audit Working Group This report presents the updated Audit Working Group Terms of Reference and requests members of the Audit & Governance Committee to appoint the members and substitute members of the Audit Working Group. The committee is RECOMMENDED to: a) Approve the Audit Working Group Terms of Reference; and b) Appoint the members and substitute members of the Audit Working Group.	Recommendations agreed.	DF Cox (S.)
6. Statement of Accounts 2020/21 This report sets out the latest position on the preparation of the 2020/21 Statement of Accounts including:		

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The latest timetable for the 2020/21 Statement of Accounts and external audit • The draft Narrative Report • The draft Going Concern Assessment <p><i>The Committee is RECOMMENDED to</i></p> <p><i>a) note the latest timetable for the 2020/21 Statement of Accounts and external audit</i></p> <p><i>b) comment on the draft Narrative Report and Going Concern assessment that will form part of the Statement of Accounts</i></p>	<p>Recommendations agreed.</p>	<p>DF. (L. Baxter)</p>
<p>7. Annual Governance Statement</p> <p>The Audit & Governance Committee has the responsibility of approving the Council's Annual Governance Statement (AGS) each year.</p> <p><i>The Audit & Governance Committee is RECOMMENDED to approve the Annual Governance Statement 2020/21, subject to the Monitoring Officer making any necessary amendments in the light of comments made by the Committee, after consultation with the Leader of the Council, the Chief Executive and the Section 151 officer.</i></p>	<p>Recommendation agreed.</p>	<p>DLG (A. Bradley)</p>
<p>8. Ernst & Young - Progress Report</p> <p>Representatives from the external auditors Ernst & Young will attend to present the following reports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oxfordshire County Council Outline Audit planning report Year ended 31 March 2021 • Oxfordshire Pension Fund Audit Plan year ended 31 March 2021. 	<p>The report was noted.</p>	

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<p>9. Treasury Management Annual Performance Report</p> <p>The report sets out the Treasury Management performance in the financial year 2020/21 in compliance with the CIPFA Code of Practice. The report includes Debt and Investment activity, Prudential Indicator Outturn, Investment Strategy, and interest receivable and payable for the financial year.</p> <p><i>The Audit & Governance Committee is RECOMMENDED to note the report, and to RECOMMEND Council to note the Council's Treasury Management Activity in 2020/21.</i></p>	<p>Recommendation agreed.</p>	<p>DF (T, Chapple)</p>
<p>10. Annual Report of the Chief Internal Auditor</p> <p>This is the annual report of the Chief Internal Auditor, summarising the outcome of the Internal Audit work in 2020/21, and providing an opinion on the Council's System of Internal Control. The opinion is one of the sources of assurance for the Annual Governance Statement.</p> <p><i>The committee is RECOMMENDED to consider and endorse this annual report.</i></p>	<p>Recommendation agreed.</p>	<p>DF (S Cox)</p>
<p>11. Internal Audit Strategy & Annual Progress Plan 2021/22</p> <p>This report presents the Internal Audit Strategy and Internal Audit Plan for 2021/22.</p> <p><i>The committee is RECOMMENDED to comment and note the Internal Audit Strategy and Internal Audit Plan for 2021/22.</i></p>	<p>Recommendation agreed.</p>	<p>DF (S. Cox)</p>
<p>12. Audit Working Group Report</p>		

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<p>This report presents the matters considered by the Audit Working Group Meeting of 28 April 2021.</p> <p><i>The Committee is RECOMMENDED to note the report.</i></p>	<p>Recommendation agreed.</p>	<p>DF (S. Cox)</p>
<p>13. Audit & Governance Committee Work Programme 2021/22</p> <p>To review the Committee's work programme.</p>		