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### AUDIT & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE - WEDNESDAY, 17 NOVEMBER 2021

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE AGENDA	DECISIONS	ACTION
<b>1. Apologies for Absence and Temporary Appointments</b>	Councillor Jane Murphy substituted for Councillor Ted Fenton	DLG (A. Newman)
<b>2. Declaration of Interests - see guidance note</b>	None	DLG (A. Newman)
<b>3. Minutes</b>  To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 15 September 2021 and to receive information arising from them.	The minutes of 15 September 2021 were agreed.	DLG (L. Tyrrell)
<b>4. Petitions and Public Address</b>	None	
<b>5. External Auditors - External Audit Report</b>		
<b>6. Update on Closure of Accounts 2021/22</b>  Report by the Director of Finance  <b>The Audit and Governance Committee is RECOMMENDED to note the content of the report.</b>	Recommendation agreed.	DF (L. Baxter)
<b>7. External Auditor Appointments</b>  Report by the Director of Finance.  <b>The Audit and Governance Committee is RECOMMENDED to recommend to Council to allow Public Sector Audit Appointments (PSAA) to appoint external auditors on behalf of the Council for the period 2023/24 – 2027/28.</b>	Recommendation agreed.	DF (L. Baxter)

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<p><b>8. Treasury Management Mid-Term Review</b></p> <p>Report by Director of Finance.</p> <p><b>The Audit &amp; Governance Committee is RECOMMENDED to</b></p> <p>a) Endorse the report, and b) recommend Council to endorse the Council's Mid-Term Treasury Management Review 2021/22.</p>	<p>Recommendations agreed.</p>	<p>DF (T. Chapple)</p>
<p><b>9. Counter Fraud Update</b></p> <p>Report by Director of Finance.</p> <p><b>The committee is RECOMMENDED to note the summary of activity against the Counter Fraud Plan for 2021/22.</b></p>	<p>Recommendation agreed.</p>	<p>DF (S. Cox)</p>
<p><b>10. Constitution Review</b></p> <p><b>The committee is RECOMMENDED to note the membership of the Constitution Review Working Group and to receive this update on its establishment.</b></p>	<p>Recommendation agreed with the addition of named substitutions to the Constitution Review Working Group.</p>	<p>DLG (A. Bradley)</p>
<p><b>11. Annual Governance Statement 2020/21 Update</b></p> <p>Report by Director of Law and Governance and Monitoring Officer</p> <p><b>The Committee is RECOMMENDED to receive this update on the actions from the Annual Governance Statement 2020/21 and to make any comment upon them.</b></p>	<p>Recommendation agreed.</p>	<p>DLG (A. Bradley)</p>
<p><b>12. Whistleblowing Policy</b></p> <p>Report by Director of Law &amp; Governance and Monitoring Officer</p> <p><b>The committee is RECOMMENDED to:</b></p> <p>a) endorse the Whistleblowing</p>	<p>Recommendations agreed with the additional comments included under</p>	<p>DLG (A. Bradley)</p>

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<p><b>Policy proposed by the Monitoring Officer; and in so doing</b></p> <p><b>b) suggest any additional changes to the Monitoring Officer for her consideration.</b></p>	<p>para a) Annex 3 Whistleblowing protections; to include reference to the Director of Law and Governance or Chief Internal Auditor for further advice regarding whether it is lawful to make a disclosure.</p>	
<p><b>13. OFRS Statement of Assurance</b></p> <p>Report by the Chief Fire Officer.</p> <p><b>The Audit and Governance Committee is RECOMMENDED to approve the report in its entirety.</b></p>	<p>Recommendation agreed.</p>	<p>OFRS (R. MacDouga II)</p>
<p><b>14. Audit Working Group</b></p> <p>Report by the Director of Finance.</p> <p><b>The Committee is RECOMMENDED to note the report.</b></p>	<p>Recommendation agreed.</p>	<p>DF (S. Cox)</p>
<p><b>15. Audit &amp; Governance Committee Work Programme 2021/22</b></p> <p>To review the Committee's work programme.</p>	<p>The following additions were agreed for the 5 January 2022 meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provision Cycle Implementation Update (Anita Bradley/Melissa Sage)</li> <li>• Constitution Review Update (Anita Bradley)</li> </ul> <p>The following additions were agreed for the 16 March 2022 meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Constitution Review Proposals (Anita Bradley)</li> </ul>	<p>DLG (L. Tyrrell)</p>