

AUDIT COMMITTEE – 9 JANUARY 2018

Audit Committee

Tuesday 9 January 2018 at 3pm

Present: Provost Brennan, Councillors Brooks, Curley, McCabe, McCormick, Crowther (for J McEleny), McVey, Murphy, Quinn and Rebecchi.

Chair: Councillor Rebecchi presided.

In attendance: Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources, Chief Financial Officer, Chief Internal Auditor, Mr J Douglas (for Head of Legal & Property Services) and Ms R McGhee and Ms D Sweeney (Legal & Property Services).

In attendance also: Mr T Yule and Ms R McCulloch (Audit Scotland).

The following paragraphs are submitted for information only, having been dealt with under the powers delegated to the Committee.

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| 6 | Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest | 6 |
| | <p>An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Councillor J McEleny, with Councillor Crowther substituting.</p> <p>No declarations of interest were intimated.</p> | |
| 7 | Internal Audit Progress Report – 25 September to 1 December 2017 | 7 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources appending the monitoring report in respect of Internal Audit activity for the period 25 September to 1 December 2017.</p> <p>There was circulated replacement page relative to Appendix 1.</p> <p>Decided: that the monitoring report in respect of Internal Audit activity for the period 25 September to 1 December 2017 be noted.</p> | |
| 8 | External Audit Action Plans – Current Actions | 8 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources on the status of current actions from External Audit Action Plans as at 30 November 2017.</p> <p>Decided: that the Committee note the progress to date in relation to the implementation of external audit actions.</p> | |
| 9 | Invitation – DWP Joint Counter Fraud Initiative | 9 |
| | <p>There was submitted a report by the Corporate Director Environment, Regeneration & Resources (1) on an invitation from the DWP to the Council to participate in joint criminal fraud investigations relating to the Council Tax Reduction Scheme (CTRS) and Social Security benefit fraud and (2) asking the Committee to note the Council's response.</p> | |

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Decided: that the Committee note the invitation in relation to the DWP's Joint Counter Fraud Initiative and the Council's response.

It was agreed in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 as amended, that the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item on the grounds that the business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

10 Internal Audit Progress Report - Appendix

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There was submitted an appendix to the Internal Audit Progress Report providing details of a special investigation undertaken since the last meeting of the Committee.

Decided: that the appendix be noted.