

AUDIT COMMITTEE – 19 OCTOBER 2021

Audit Committee

Tuesday 19 October 2021 at 3pm

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

Chair: Councillor Rebecchi presided.

In attendance: Interim Service Director Corporate Services & Organisational Recovery, Chief Internal Auditor, Mr M Thomson (Finance Services), Mr P MacDonald (for Interim Head of Legal Services), Ms L Carrick and Ms D Sweeney (Legal Services).

The meeting was held by video conference.

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

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| 416 | Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest | 416 |
| | No apologies for absence or declarations of interest were intimated.
Councillor Murphy joined the meeting at this juncture. | |
| 417 | Internal Audit Progress Report – 4 April to 24 September 2021 | 417 |
| | There was submitted a report by the Interim Service Director Corporate Services & Organisational Recovery appending the monitoring report in respect of Internal Audit activity for the period 4 April to 24 September 2021.
Councillor Curley joined the meeting during consideration of this item.
Decided: that the monitoring report in respect of Internal Audit activity for the period 4 April to 24 September 2021 be noted. | |
| 418 | External Audit Action Plans – Current Actions | 418 |
| | There was submitted a report by the Interim Service Director Corporate Services & Organisational Recovery on the status of current actions from External Audit Action Plans as at 31 August 2021.
Decided: that the progress to date in relation to the implementation of External Audit actions be noted. | |
| 419 | Internal Audit Annual Report and Assurance Statement 2020/2021 | 419 |
| | There was submitted a report by the Interim Service Director Corporate Services & Organisational Recovery presenting the Internal Audit Annual Report and Assurance Statement for 2020/2021, which forms part of the Council's Annual Governance Statement.
During consideration of this item the Convener lost connectivity. The Convener was contacted by telephone at which point he intimated that he intended to re-join the meeting and called a recess at 3.20pm to ascertain if connectivity could be reinstated with the video conferencing facility. As connectivity could not be reinstated the | |

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Convener was unable to re-join via video conferencing facility and re-joined the meeting by telephone and proceedings resumed at 3.25pm.

Decided: that the Internal Audit Annual Report and Assurance Statement be approved.

420 Annual Review of Risk Management Activity 2020/2021**420**

There was submitted a report by the Interim Service Director Corporate Services & Organisational Recovery on progress made in 2020/2021 in developing and monitoring a strategic approach to managing risks faced by the Council as part of the overall Corporate Governance Framework.

Decided: that the Committee note (1) the progress made in 2020/2021 in developing, implementing and monitoring a coherent corporate approach to managing risks faced by the Council, and (2) that a review of the corporate risk register will be carried out and reported to the Committee in early 2022.