

AUDIT COMMITTEE – 9 JANUARY 2024

Audit Committee

Tuesday 9 January 2024 at 3pm

Present: Provost McKenzie, Councillors Crowther, McCabe, McCluskey, McCormick, McGuire, McVey, Nelson, Reynolds, Robertson and Wilson.

Chair: Councillor Nelson presided.

In attendance:

Lousie Long	Chief Executive
Iain Strachan	Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services
Stuart Jamieson	Director Environment & Regeneration
Ruth Binks	Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development
Morna Rae	Head of Organisational Development, Policy and Communications
Andi Priestman	Chief Internal Auditor
Matt Thomson	Finance Manager (Environment & Technical)
Peter MacDonald	Solicitor, Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services
Lindsay Carrick	Senior Committee Officer
Colin MacDonald	Senior Committee Officer
Karen McVey	Members' & Committee Services Team Leader

The meeting was held at the Municipal Buildings, Greenock with Councillors McCluskey, McCormick, McGuire, Reynolds and Wilson attending remotely.

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

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| 1 | Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest | 1 |
| | No apologies for absence or declarations of interest were intimated. | |
| 2 | Internal Audit Progress Report – 2 October to 1 December 2023 | 2 |
| | There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services appending the monitoring report in respect of Internal Audit activity for the period 2 October to 1 December 2023. | |
| | Decided: that the progress made by Internal Audit in the period from 2 October to 1 December 2023 be noted. | |
| 3 | External Audit Action Plans – Current Actions | 3 |
| | There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services on the status of current actions from External Audit Action Plans as at 31 October 2023. | |
| | Decided: that the progress made in the implementation of External Audit actions be noted. | |

4 Corporate Risk Register

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services (a) presenting the Corporate Risk Register for consideration and (b) following review of the Register recommending that it be referred to the Policy & Resources Committee for consideration.

Following discussion, it was noted that Officers would update the Corporate Risk Register with information on the methodology used to compile the Register.

Decided:

- (1) that the Committee note the position on the most significant corporate risks facing the Council, and the key actions being taken in response to them all, all as detailed in the Corporate Risk Register appended to the report;
- (2) that it be noted that training will shortly be arranged for Elected Members on risk management, together with a risk management workshop with the Corporate Management Team; and
- (3) that it be noted that the Corporate Risk Register will be reported to the February 2024 meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee.