AUDIT COMMITTEE - 5 MARCH 2024

Audit Committee

Tuesday 5 March 2024 at 3pm

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

Chair: Councillor Nelson presided.

In attendance:

Lousie Long Chief Executive

Vicky Pollock Interim Head of Legal & Democratic Services

Stuart Jamieson Director Environment & Regeneration

Ruth Binks Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational

Development

Andi Priestman Chief Internal Auditor

Matt Thomson Finance Manager (Environment & Technical)

Lindsay Carrick Senior Committee Officer
Diane Sweeney Senior Committee Officer

Karen McVey Members' & Committee Services Team Leader

The meeting was held at the Municipal Buildings, Greenock with Provost McKenzie and Councillors McCabe, McCormick, McGuire, McVey and Robertson attending remotely.

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

117 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor Reynolds and Councillor Wilson.

No declarations of interest were intimated.

118 Internal Audit Progress Report – 4 December 2023 to 9 February 2024

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 4 December 2023 to 9 February 2024.

Decided: that the progress made by Internal Audit in the period from 4 December 2023 to 9 February 2024 be noted.

119 External Audit Action Plans – Current Actions

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 January 2024.

Decided: that the progress made in the implementation of External Audit actions be noted.

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120 Review of Local Code of Governance

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services advising Members that a review of the Local Code of Governance has been undertaken and there were no significant changes identified.

Decided:

- (1) that approval be given to the Local Code of Governance for 2023-24; and
- (2) that it be remitted to officers to update the improvement plan to include a development session for all Elected Members on the Local Code of Governance.

121 Appendix relative to Item 2 providing information on special investigations

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There was submitted an appendix to the Internal Audit progress report providing information on special investigations.

Councillor McGuire left the meeting during consideration of this item.

Decided: that the contents of the appendix be noted.