Audit and Governance Committee: Decision Summary

Meeting: 17 November 2023 Published: 20 November 2023

Decision Review deadline: 27 November 2023



Any key decision/s set below will come into force and may be implemented after 5.00pm on the fifth clear working day after publication of the decision, unless they are called-in, with the exception of any key decision on a matter dealt with under the special urgency provisions set out in the Constitution which may be implemented immediately.

1 Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest

Apologies were received from Cllr Simon Smith substituted by Cllr Mike Todd – Jones, Cllr Gary Christy substituted by Cllr Haq Nawaz and Cllr Geoff Harvey.

No declarations of interest were made.

2 Chair's Announcement

- Nick Bell, Executive Director for Resources and Performance will be retiring at the end of this municipal year.
- The Committee met privately with the internal and external auditors at the close of the meeting in September nothing to report from that meeting.
- The A&G Sub Committee meeting was held on Tuesday 14th November with the decision notice from that meeting being published by next week.

3 Minutes and Action Log

The minutes of the meeting on 8 September 2023 were approved as an accurate record. The action log was noted by the Committee.

4 Improvement Framework Report

RESOLVED

- a) To note the progress made over September and October against stated areas of improvement identified by the External Auditor in June 2022 and Best Value Notice received in January 2023 as reported to the CA Board on 31 May 2023, set out in paragraphs 2.2 to 2.9.
- b) To note the outcome of the recent Internal Review of the governance and decision making improvement programme set out in paragraph 2.10.
- c) To note the feedback from the staff conference on the progress made over the last 12 months set out in paragraph 2.11.

5 Corporate Risk Register

RESOLVED

- a) To note the refreshed Corporate Risk register report, risk dashboard and heat map.
- b) To note the proposal for how often the register should be reviewed going forward based on best practice.
- c) To note the update on Risk Software including Training.
- d) The committee welcomed the maturity reached in devising a way of presenting risk in an understandable and meaningful way and recommend that the CA Board should review the Corporate Risk Register at least once a year.
- e) That the audit and governance committee continue to receive the Corporate Risk Register at every meeting for the forceable future.

6 External Audit – Cambridgeshire & Peterborough Combined Authority – Audit Results Report

RESOLVED

a) To note the content of the report

7 23/24 Treasury Management Mid Year Review

RESOLVED

a) To review and note the in-year performance against the adopted prudential and treasury indicators.

8 Internal Audit – Progress Report November 2023

RESOLVED

a) To note the contents of the report.

9 Whistleblowing Police

RESOLVED

a) To note the report and comments on any aspect of the report and whistleblowing policy

10 Audit and Governance Work Programme

RESOLVED

- a) To note the draft work programme for the Audit and Governance Committee for the 2023/24 municipal year attached at Appendix 1
- b) To note the recommendation tracker for the Audit and Governance Committee attached at Appendix 2

11 Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Friday 12 January 2024