

MINUTES of MEETING of AUDIT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE held BY MICROSOFT TEAMS
on

Externally Funded Projects
Management of Debt and Debt Recovery
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3. Noted that the future annual reporting relating to counter fraud will be included within the Internal Audit Annual Report.

(Reference: Report by Chief Internal Auditor, dated 15 September 2022, submitted)

10. STRATEGIC RISK ASSURANCE MAPPING

Consideration was given to a report which set out Internal Audit's assessment of the sources of assurance for the Committee on the management of the Council's strategic risks.

Decision

The Audit and Scrutiny Committee:-

1. Noted the risk assurance map at appendix 1 of the report;
2. Considered the implications for audit and scrutiny coverage in the respective audit and scrutiny annual plans, in particular the potential scrutiny review focusing on waste management in 2023/24.

(Reference: Report by Chief Internal Auditor, dated 15 September 2022, submitted)

As a result of technical difficulties, the Committee Manager advised that a short break would be taken from 11:20am. The meeting reconvened at 11:30am, with all those present as per the sederunt.

11. STRATEGIC RISK REGISTER

Consideration was given to a report which provided an update on the Council's Strategic Risk Register (SRR).

Decision

The Audit and Scrutiny Committee agreed to endorse the updated Strategic Risk Register (SRR), at appendix 1 to the report.

(Reference: Report by Chief Executive, dated 15 September 2022, submitted)

12. CORPORATE COMPLAINTS ANNUAL REPORT 2021/22

The Committee gave consideration to a report which provided information on how the Council has dealt with complaints during the period between 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2022 and performed against the statutory indicators, which have been agreed between the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman (SPSO) and the Local Authorities Complaint Handlers Network.

Decision

The Audit and Scrutiny Committee considered and noted the content of this report.

(Reference: Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Legal and Regulatory Support, dated 15 September 2022, submitted)

13. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION - ANNUAL REPORT 2021-22

Consideration was given to a report which provided an update on the position regarding the recording, responding to, monitoring and reporting of requests for information under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOISA) and the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (EIR's) for the period between 1 April 2021 and 31 March 2022.

Decision

The Audit and Scrutiny Committee agreed to note the outline workplan.

(Reference: Audit and Scrutiny Committee workplan, dated 15 September 2022, submitted)

The Committee resolved in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 to exclude the press and public for the following item of business on the grounds that it was likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 6 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A to the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

16. WASTE STRATEGY UPDATE

The Committee gave consideration to a report which provided an update on the work relating to the Waste PPP contract and the progress on the options appraisal workstreams being taken forward by Caledonian Economics. The report also set out updates on Barr Environmental Limited, Renewi, the Scottish Deposit Scheme (DRS), the Scottish Government's Circular Economy Proposals and the Scottish Government's Energy from Waste Review.

Decision

The Audit and Scrutiny Committee:-

1. Noted and considered the report and the approach being taken to determine the most appropriate option for the Council regarding waste disposal;
2. Noted the good progress being made in relation to the options appraisal;
3. Noted that a further report detailing the full appraisal and proposed next steps will come forward to the December EDI Committee, providing information on the preferred option and outlining any capital and revenue cost implications.