



Councillor Mike Jordan – Chair of Audit and Governance Committee

Update to Council 17 July 2018

The Audit and Governance Committee has met once since the last update provided to Council on 22 February 2018. The Committee held a meeting on Wednesday 18 April 2018.

Audit and Governance Committee – 18 April 2018

The Audit and Governance Committee had a very busy agenda at the last meeting of the municipal year on 18 April 2018. I would like to extend my thanks to the Committee and Officers for their support and comments, along with the Lead Executive Member for Finance and Resources, Councillor Cliff Lunn for attending.

A number of items were considered, including three reports submitted by the Solicitor to the Council which were not on the original Committee Work Programme. These consisted of a progress update in relation on the Council's preparations for the new General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR); a report related to a public stakeholder consultation on Local Government Ethical Standards; and an update report on the Council's recent data breach, which was considered in private session.

The Committee was satisfied with progress made in terms of GDPR preparations, and requested that a further update report be brought to the Committee at the subsequent meeting in July 2018. It was agreed that the Council should participate in the consultation on Local Government Ethical Standards, and the Solicitor to the Council was asked to draft a response for approval by the Committee. The Committee was satisfied with the contents of the data breach report, and fully agreed with the actions implemented by Officers in response to the incident to avoid a repeat occurrence.

The internal auditor's (Veritau) Audit Plan for 2018/19 was considered, and it was confirmed that the Audit Plan aligned with the Council's main strategic risks; particular emphasis was placed on savings delivery, Programme for Growth, the Economic Development Framework and Capital Accounting.

The work of the external auditors (Mazars LLP) was also considered, and the Committee approved the Audit and Governance Committee Work Programme for 2018/19.

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