



MINUTES OF MEETING of the AUDIT AND FINANCE COMMITTEE held within the Council Chamber, Kilncraigs, Greenside Street, Alloa, FK10 1EB, on THURSDAY 18 JANUARY 2018 at 9.30 am.

PRESENT

Councillor Phil Fairlie, Chair (In the Chair)
Councillor Les Sharp, Vice Chair
Councillor Dave Clark
Councillor Kenneth Earle
Councillor Ellen Forson (S)
Councillor Darren Lee
Councillor Bill Mason (S)
Councillor Derek Stewart

IN ATTENDANCE

Nikki Bridle, Depute Chief Executive
Stephen Coulter, Head of Resources and Governance
Stuart Crickmar, Head of Strategy and Customer Services
Celia Gray, Head of Social Services
Ahsan Khan, Head of Housing and Community Safety
Shiona Strachan, Chief Officer, Health and Social Care Integration
Elizabeth Hutcheon, Management Accountancy Team Leader
Lindsay Thomson, Service Manager, Legal and Democracy (Clerk to the Committee)
Gillian White, Committee Services, Legal and Democracy

AF(18)46 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Mike Watson. Councillor Bill Mason attended as substitute for Councillor Watson. Councillor Ellen Forson attended as substitute for the SNP vacancy on the Audit and Finance Committee.

AF(18)47 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

AF(18)48 MINUTES OF MEETING: AUDIT & FINANCE COMMITTEE 16 NOVEMBER 2017

The minutes of the meeting of the Audit and Finance Committee held on 16 November 2017 were submitted for approval.

Decision

The minutes of the meeting of the Audit and Finance Committee held on 16 November 2017 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

AF(18)49 COUNCIL FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE 2017/18 – OCTOBER OUTTURN

A report which provided the Committee with an update on the financial performance of the Council in respect of both revenue and capital spend for the current financial year 2017/18, was submitted by the Chief Accountant.

Motion

That the Committee agrees the recommendations as set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Les Sharp. Seconded by Councillor Darren Lee.

Decision

The Committee agreed to note:

1. The forecast General Fund revenue underspend for the year of £0.496m;
2. Progress on delivering planned savings in the year;
3. The favourable forecast outturn of £0.245m on the Housing Revenue Account;
4. The underspend in General Services capital of £4.313m of which £2.102m is grant income received earlier than anticipated with the remaining £2.227m being carried forward to 2018/19.
5. The forecasted underspend on HRA capital of £3.961m of which £0.448m is additional income from house and land sales. £0.183m of the underspend is proposed to be carried forward with the balance being taken as underspend within the year.

AF(18)50 HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE PARTNERSHIP

A report which provided the Committee with current information on the financial performance of the services within the Health and Social Care Partnership was submitted by the Chief Officer, Health and Social Care Integration Joint Board. The services have been delegated to the Chief Officer for operational management since 3 July 2017.

Motion

That the Committee agrees the recommendations as set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Les Sharp. Seconded by Councillor Ellen Forson.

Decision

The Committee noted:

1. The projected overspend within the services delegated by the Integration Joint Board to Clackmannanshire council and the key financial pressures across the Partnership outlined in Table 1 of the report; and
2. That, whilst the focus on budget recovery requires to continue, it is now clear that this will not fully recover the position in year, therefore the constituent authorities and the Integration Joint Board require to consider, agree and document how the residual financial risk will be treated in line with the terms of the Integration Scheme.

AF(18)51. CORPORATE RISK AND EXTERNAL AUDIT ACTIONS

A report which provided the Committee with the 2017/18 half year update on the Council's Corporate Risk Log (attached as Appendix A to the report) was submitted by the Head of Strategy and Customer Services. Progress updates were also provided on Audit Scotland's recommendations following their audit of the 2016/17 accounts (attached as Appendix B to the report).

Motion

That the Committee agrees the recommendations as set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Les Sharp. Seconded by Councillor Dave Clark.

Decision

Having commented on and challenged the report, the Committee agreed to note the report.

AF(18)52 INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT 2017/18

A report which provided the Committee with an update on progress with completing the 2017/18 Internal Audit Plan was submitted by the Internal Audit Manager. The Plan was agreed by the Audit and Finance Committee on 16 March 2017.

Motion

That the Committee agrees the recommendations as set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Ellen Forson. Seconded by Councillor Kenneth Earle.

Decision

The Committee agreed to note progress being made with completing the 2017/18 Internal Audit Plan.

Ends: 12 noon

