



MINUTES OF MEETING of the AUDIT COMMITTEE held within the Council Chamber, Kilncraigs, Greenside Street, ALLOA, FK10 1EB, on THURSDAY 6 DECEMBER 2018 at 9.30 am.

PRESENT

Councillor Bill Mason (Convenor)
Councillor Dave Clark
Councillor Phil Fairlie
Councillor Darren Lee
Councillor Helen Lewis

IN ATTENDANCE

Stuart Crickmar, Strategic Director, Partnership and Performance
Derek Barr, Procurement Manager
Paula Tovey, Chief Accountant (Interim)
Lindsay Thomson, Senior Manager, Partnership and Performance (Clerk to the Committee)
Gillian White, Committee Services

AC(18)12 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Forson, Councillor Stewart and Councillor Dixon.

AC(18)13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were made at this point in the meeting.

AC(18)14 CONFIRM MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 11 OCTOBER 2018

The minutes of the Meeting of the Audit Committee held on 11 October 2018 were submitted for approval.

Decision

The minutes of the Meeting of the Audit Committee held on 11 October 2018 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Convenor.

AC(18)15 COUNCIL FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE 2018/19 – AUGUST OUTTURN

A report, submitted by the Chief Accountant (Interim), provided an update on the financial performance for the Council in respect of the General Fund (GF) revenue, capital and the achievement of savings to date, for the current financial year, 2018/19. The paper also provided an update on the financial performance for the Council in respect of the Housing Revenue Account (HRA) revenue and capital spend, for the current financial year, 2018/19.

Motion

That Committee agrees the recommendation set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Phil Fairlie. Seconded by Councillor Darren Lee.

Decision

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

1. The Council's forecast GF revenue overspend for the year £0.654m,
2. The forecast Health and Social Care Partnership (H&SCP) overspend for the year of £1.542m;
3. The forecast HRA revenue surplus for the year of £(0.604m) to March 2019;
4. The capital programme in both HRA and GF are currently showing slippage and are expected to be underspent by the year end; and
5. The 78.7% achievement in delivering the £7.3m savings programme to the end of August.

AC(18)16 CORPORATE RISK AND EXTERNAL AUDIT ACTIONS

A report, submitted by the Strategic Director, Partnership and Performance, provided the 2018/19 half year update on Clackmannanshire Council's Corporate Risk Log. Progress updates were also provided on Audit Scotland's recommendations following their audit of 2017/18 accounts.

Motion

That Committee agrees the recommendation set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Dave Clark. Seconded by Councillor Helen Lewis.

Decision

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

AC(18)17 LOCAL GOVERNMENT PENSION SCHEME – CONSULTATION ON SCHEME STRUCTURE

A report, submitted by the Chief Accountant (Interim), advised the Committee of a consultation exercise that is taking place on the structure of the Local Government Pension Scheme in Scotland. The consultation had been launched by the national Scheme Advisory Board – the body responsible for advising Scottish Ministers on changes to the Scheme. The report provided a summary of the consultation process and considered the high level advantages and disadvantages of the options proposed. The report also set out the response process.

Councillors Clark, Lewis and Mason declared a financial interest in the Local Government Pension Scheme as members of the scheme. The Clerk advised that there is a general exclusion to declaration of interests in relation to councillors pension which would allow them to participate in discussion and voting on this item.

Motion

That the Committee, having commented on and challenged the report, agree that the Falkirk Council Pension Fund response is accepted on behalf of the Council (as set out at Appendix 1 of the report); and that its' decision is referred to Council for ratification on 20 December 2018.

Moved by Councillor Dave Clark. Seconded by Councillor Phil Fairlie.

Voting

For the motion	4 votes
Against the motion	1 vote
Abstain from voting	0 votes

Decision

Having commented on and challenged the report, on a division of 4 votes to 1, the Committee agreed that the Falkirk Council Pension Fund response is accepted on behalf of Clackmannanshire council (as set out in Appendix 1 of the report) and that this decision is referred to Council for ratification on 20 December 2018.

Action

Chief Accountant (Interim)

AC(18)18 PROCUREMENT ANNUAL REPORT

A report, submitted by the Strategic Director, Partnership and Performance, updated the Committee on key procurement activity and statistical performance during the financial year 2017-18 and provided an overview of the resources that are available to deliver effective procurement.

Motion

That Committee agrees the recommendation set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Dave Clark. Seconded by Councillor Darren Lee.

Decision

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

Ends 1110 hours

