

EAST DEVON DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting of Audit and Governance Committee held at Council Chamber, Blackdown House on 21 September 2023

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The meeting started at 2.32 pm and ended at 3.16 pm

14 Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the Audit and Governance Committee held on 27 July 2023 were confirmed as a true record.

15 Declarations on interest

None

16 Public speaking

There were no members of the public present.

17 Matters of urgency

None

18 Confidential/exempt item(s)

None

19 Internal Audit Plan 2023-24 - SWAP

The Assistant Director, SWAP presented the Internal Audit Plan 1 October 2023 to 31 March 2024.

During discussion it was suggested that the management of void properties in the council's housing stock be added to the risk score.

RESOLVED:

That the Internal Audit Plan for 1 October 2023 to 31 March 2024 be approved.

20 Internal Audit Activity Progress report - SWAP

The Assistant Director, SWAP presented the Internal Audit Progress report.

RESOLVED:

That the progress made in delivery of the 2023/24 internal audit plan as at the start of September 2023 and the findings reported be noted.

21 Audit Progress report and Sector update - Grant Thornton

Jackson Murray from Grant Thornton provided an update on the progress in delivering their responsibilities as the council's external auditors, with a summary of emerging national issues and developments that may be relevant to the council.

RESOLVED:

that the External Audit Progress report and sector update be noted.

22 **Financial Monitoring report 2023/24 - Month 4 July 2023**

The Finance Manager's report was presented to Cabinet on 6 September 2023. The report was presented to the Committee to inform Members of the financial position for month 4, July 2023.

RESOLVED:

that the Financial Monitoring month 4, July 2023, position and the recommendations to Cabinet on 6 September 2023 be noted.

23 **Audit and Governance Forward Plan**

Items to be considered at the 23 November 2023 committee included:

- Internal Audit Plan Progress (2023/24)
- EDDC Annual Audit Plan 2021/22
- Partnership Review 2023
- Strata Annual Internal Audit report
- Statement of Accounts

Attendance List

Councillors present:

M Goodman
S Hawkins (Chair)
Y Levine
T Olive

Councillors also present (for some or all the meeting)

I Barlow

Officers in attendance:

Amanda Coombes, Democratic Services Officer
Simon Davey, Director of Finance
Lisa Fryer, SWAP
Jackson Murray, Grant Thornton
John Symes, Finance Manager

Councillor apologies:

K Bloxham
C Burhop
C Fitzgerald
S Gazzard
D Haggerty
C Nicholas

Chair

Date: