

Minutes of the Audit and Accounts Committee held at the Civic Centre, Riverside, Stafford on Tuesday 13 February 2024

Chairman - Councillor R A James

Present (for all or part of the meeting):-

Councillors:	
P W Jones	D M McNaughton
P A Leason	D P Rouxel
A M Loughran	

Also present:- Councillors R P Cooke (Resources Portfolio)

Officers in attendance:-

Chief Executive
Deputy Chief Executive (Resources)
Head of Transformation and Assurance
Chief Internal Auditor and Risk Manager
Chief Accountant
Democratic Services Officer

AAC15 Minutes

Minutes of the meeting held on 13 December 2023, as previously circulated, were agreed as a correct record.

AAC16 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M G Dodson (substituted by Councillor P W Jones) and A R McNaughton (substituted by Councillor D M McNaughton).

AAC17 Treasury Management Strategy, Minimum Revenue Provision Policy, Annual Investment Strategy 2024/25

Considered the report of the S151 Officer and Deputy Chief Executive regarding the above.

The Deputy Chief Executive (Resources) detailed the salient points for Members to note.

- RESOLVED:- that in accordance with the powers delegated to the Committee the report of the S151 Officer and Deputy Chief Executive, the following be approved:
 - (a) The Prudential and Treasury Indicators;

- (b) The MRP Policy Statement;
- (c) The Treasury Management Policy; and
- (d) The Annual Investment Strategy for 2024/25.

AAC18 Revision of Internal Audit Plan 2023-24

Considered the report of the Chief Internal Auditor and Risk Manager updating Members on the revised Internal Audit Plan for 2023-24.

During consideration of the report Members attention was drawn to the table in point 5.4 which listed the audits which are proposed to be deferred, and the Revised Internal Audit Plan (appendix) after those audits had been removed.

Members then voted on the recommendations as set out, which were declared to be carried.

- RESOLVED:- that in accordance with the powers delegated to the Committee:
 - (a) the revised Audit Plan for 2023-24 as set out in the appendix to the report be approved.

CHAIR