#### **Mid Devon District Council**

# **Audit Committee**

Tuesday, 24 January 2023 at 5.30 pm Phoenix Chambers, Phoenix House, Tiverton

Next ordinary meeting Tuesday, 28 March 2023 at 5.30 pm

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Cllr J Buczkowski

Cllr Mrs C Collis

Cllr N V Davey

Cllr R Evans

Cllr R F Radford

Cllr R L Stanley

Cllr A White

Cllr Mrs N Woollatt

Cllr A Wyer

#### AGENDA

Members are reminded of the need to make declarations of interest prior to any discussion which may take place

## 1. Apologies

To receive any apologies for absence.

#### Public Question Time

To receive any questions relating to items on the Agenda from members of the public and replies thereto.

#### 3. Declaration of Interests under the Code of Conduct

To record any interests on agenda matters.

## 4. Minutes of the previous meeting (Pages 5 - 10)

To consider whether to approve the minutes as a correct record of the meeting held on 22 November 2022.

#### 5. Chairman's Announcements

To receive any announcements that the Chairman may wish to make.

# 6. Anti-Fraud, Bribery and Corruption Policy & Strategy (Pages 11 - 30)

To receive a report from the Deputy Chief Executive (S151) and the Corporate Manager for Revenues, Benefits, Corporate Recovery, Planning, Planning Enforcement, Economic Development, Forward Planning, Welfare & Anti-Fraud and Corruption presenting the Committee with the reviewed and updated policy for Anti-Fraud, Bribery and Corruption and the Anti-Fraud and Corruption Strategy/Response Strategy.

### 7. **Internal Audit Progress Report 2022 - 2023** (Pages 31 - 52)

To receive a report from the Devon Audit Partnership (DAP) presenting the progress report for the year 2022 – 2023 to date.

# 8. Final Statement of Accounts 2021 - 2022 (Pages 53 - 224)

To receive a report from the Deputy Chief Executive (S151) presenting the <u>final</u> version of the annual Statement of Accounts to Members following the conclusion of the external audit.

# 9. Annual Governance Statement Action Plan update (Pages 225 - 252)

To receive the Annual Governance Statement for 2021/2022.

#### 10. **Grant Thornton Audit Findings** (Pages 253 - 300)

To receive Grant Thornton's Audit Findings for 2021/2022.

# 11. **Procurement Partnership** (Pages 301 - 326)

To receive a report from the Deputy Chief Executive introducing the draft new Procurement Strategy covering the period 2023 to 2027.

# 12. Identification of items for the next meeting

Members are asked to note that the following items are already identified in the work programme for the next meeting:

- Performance and Risk update
- Four year Strategic Audit Plans and Work Programme
- Internal Audit Charter and Strategy
- Internal Audit Progress Report
- Annual Governance Statement Action Plan update
- External Audit Progress Report and Sector Update
- Chairman's Annual Report for 2022/2023

<u>Note</u>: This item is limited to 10 minutes. There should be no discussion on the items raised.

Stephen Walford Chief Executive Monday, 16 January 2023

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