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Minutes of the meeting of the Audit,
Governance and Standards Committee held at
9.30 am on Tuesday, 25th January, 2022 at
Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Stone Cross,
Rotary Way, Northallerton, DL6 2UU

Present

Councillor N A Knapton (in the Chair)

Councillor	P Atkin	Councillor	Mrs B S Fortune
	P Bardon		K G Hardisty
	D B Elders		R W Hudson

AGS.16 Minutes

The decision:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 5 October 2021 (AGS.8 to AGS.14), previously circulated, be signed as a correct record.

AGS.17 Internal Audit Q2 Progress Report

All Wards

The subject of the decision:

This report provided an update on audit work planned and undertaken, and counter fraud activity since the last report to this Committee.

A number of questions were asked by the Committee relating to the Treadmills development and the processes and procedures that were in place regarding the issuing of Covid grants and minimising the risks associated with fraud which were responded to at the meeting.

Alternative options considered:

None.

The reason for the decision:

Under the Accounts & Audit Regulations 2015, it is a statutory requirement for councils to have effective internal audit that complies with public sector internal audit standards. The Council has formalised its arrangements for internal audit within the Audit Charter. In accordance with these standards and requirements the Head of Internal Audit is required to report to the Council on the programme of internal audit work and to highlight any emerging significant risks and/or control issues that they have become aware of.

The decision:

That the work undertaken by Internal Audit in the year to date be noted.

AGS.18 Update to the Internal Audit Charter

All Wards

The subject of the decision:

The Interim Director of Finance (s151 Officer) presented a report seeking approval of the changes to the Council's Internal Audit Charter.

Alternative options considered:

None

The reasons for the decision:

The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 required the Council to have an effective internal audit service that complied with public sector internal audit standards. CIPFA was responsible for setting those standards for Councils.

The decision:

That the Council's updated Internal Audit Charter be approved.

AGS.19 Compliance with CIPFA Financial Management Code

All Wards

The subject of the decision:

The Interim Director of Finance (s151 Officer) presented a report which provided a review of compliance with the CIPFA Financial Management Code and a statement of compliance.

Alternative options considered:

None.

The reason for the decision:

To take account of the standards set out in the CIPFA Financial Management Code.

The decision:

That the Committee notes the assessment of the Council's compliance with the CIPFA Financial Management Code and the review undertaken by internal audit.

The meeting closed at 10.36 am

Chairman of the Committee