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Minutes of the meeting of the AUDIT,
GOVERNANCE AND STANDARDS
COMMITTEE held at 9.30 am on Tuesday,
20th September, 2016 at MAIN COMMITTEE
ROOM, CIVIC CENTRE, STONE CROSS,
NORTHALLERTON

Present

Councillor R W Hudson (in the Chair)

Councillor	C Patmore	Councillor	Mrs J Watson
	R A Baker		P R Wilkinson

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs C S Cookman and G W Dadd

AGS.15 **MINUTES**

THE DECISION:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 14 June 2016 (AGS.3 - AGS.13), previously circulated, be signed as a correct record.

AGS.16 **STATUTORY AUDITOR - REPORT TO THE AUDIT COMMITTEE ON THE 2015/16 AUDIT**

All Wards

The subject of the decision:

This report presented the Statutory Auditor Results Report for the year ended 31 March 2016, the Management Representation Letter and the Council's Financial Report 2015/16 for approval.

Members noted the good relationship that exists between the Corporate Finance Department and the External Auditor to enable the Statement of Accounts to be finalised in an efficient manner and also noted the high standard of the accounts produced.

Alternative options considered:

None.

The reason for the decision:

The National Audit Office's Code of Audit Practice (The Code) for Local Government Bodies required a report to be issued from the External Auditor (Ernst & Young LLP) to those charged with governance, on the work carried out during the audit, to discharge Ernst & Young's statutory responsibilities, together with any governance issues identified.

THE DECISION:

That:-

- (1) the 'Audit Results Report – IAS 260' presented to the Audit, Governance and Standards Committee for the 2015/16 audit as prepared by Ernst & Young LLP attached at Annex A to the report be accepted;
- (2) the signing of the Management Representation Letter at Annex B of the report by the Council's Head of Finance, acting in the capacity of s151 Officer; be approved and
- (3) the audited Statement of Accounts for 2015/16 at Annex C of the report be approved.

AGS.17 **QUARTER 1 2016/17 REVENUE MONITORING UPDATE**

All Wards

The subject of the decision:

This report raised awareness of the quarterly revenue monitoring process and provided Members with an increased understanding as to how the quarterly revenue monitoring reports during the year related to the annual Financial Report which included the Statement of Accounts.

Alternative options considered:

None.

The reason for the decision:

To comply with a request from the Audit, Governance & Standards Committee to receive this report.

THE DECISION:

That the report be noted.

The meeting closed at 10.15 am

Chairman of the Committee