

EAST STAFFORDSHIRE BOROUGH COUNCIL

SCRUTINY (AUDIT AND VALUE FOR MONEY COUNCIL SERVICES) COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting of the Scrutiny (Audit and Value for Money Council Services) Committee held in the Coltman VC Room, Town Hall, Burton upon Trent on 24th July 2018.

Present:

Councillors D. Goodfellow (Chairman), S. Andjelkovic, M. J. Bowering, A. A. Chaudhry, D. Florence-Jukes, S. Gaskin, H. Hall, P. Hudson, G. Marjoram, L. Milner, C. Smith and Mrs B. Toon.

Officers Present:

Head of Service (Sal Khan), the Chief Accountant, the Corporate and Commercial Manager and the Senior Democratic Services Officer.

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors M. Fitzpatrick, D. Fletcher and Mrs J. Killoran.

Also Present:

Mr M. Stocks (Grant Thornton).

121/18 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest at the commencement of the meeting.

122/18 **MINUTES**

Resolved:

That the Public Minutes of the meeting of the Scrutiny (Audit and Value for Money Council Services) Committee held on 20th June 2018 be approved and signed as a correct record.

123/18 **URGENT BUSINESS**

There was no urgent business submitted to the meeting pursuant to Rule 12.

124/18 **EXTERNAL AUDIT FINDINGS**

(Grant Thornton) The representative from Grant Thornton updated Members on the external audit findings. The report, circulated with the agenda, highlighted the key matters arising from their audit of the Council's financial statements for the year ended 31st March 2018, and to report their audit findings to management and those charged with governance.

An opportunity for questions followed.

NOTED

125/18 **STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2017/2018**

The Chief Accountant gave a short presentation on the Statement of Accounts for 2017/18 following the conclusion of the work undertaken by the Council's external auditors, and requested that Members recommended their approval. Members were also asked to recommend the approval of the Letter of Representation, on behalf of the Authority.

An opportunity for questions followed.

Members wished it to place on record their thanks for the hard work carried out by officers in producing the accounts in such timely manner.

Resolved:

That the Audit (Statement of Accounts) for 2017/18 and the Letter of Representation be recommended to the Audit Committee (Approval of the Statement of Accounts) for approval.

126/18 **PUBLIC EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORDS**

Members considered the Public Executive Decision Records.

An opportunity for questions followed.

NOTED

127/18 **QUESTIONS**

There were no questions submitted to the Committee prior to the meeting.

128/18 **DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING**

Resolved:

That the next meeting take place on Monday 24th September 2018 at 6.30pm in the Coltman VC Room, Town Hall, Burton upon Trent.

129/18 **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

Resolved:

That, in accordance with Section 100(A) (4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, the Press and Public be excluded from the Meeting during discussion of the following items as it would likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings that there would be disclosed exempt information as defined in the paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act indicated in brackets before each item number on the Agenda:

PRIVATE MINUTES

PRIVATE EXECUTIVE DECISION RECORDS

Chairman