Blackpool Council

10 January 2024

To: Councillors Cartmell, Fenlon, Humphreys, Marshall, Roberts, Thomas and Warne

Mr David Swift, Independent Co-opted Member

The above members are requested to attend the:

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Thursday, 18 January 2024 at 6.00 pm in Committee Room A, Town Hall, Blackpool

AGENDA

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are asked to declare any interests in the items under consideration and in doing so state:

- (1) the type of interest concerned either a
 - (a) personal interest
 - (b) prejudicial interest
 - (c) disclosable pecuniary interest (DPI)

and

(2) the nature of the interest concerned

If any member requires advice on declarations of interests, they are advised to contact the Head of Democratic Governance in advance of the meeting.

2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 23 NOVEMBER 2023 (Pages 1 - 6)

To agree the minutes of the last meeting of the Audit Committee held on 23 November 2023 as a true and correct record.

3 WHOLLY OWNED COMPANIES LEASES, ASSET REGISTERS, CONTRACTS AND OPERATING AGREEMENTS AUDIT FOLLOW-UP (Pages 7 - 16)

To consider a progress report on the recommendations made in the internal audit report relating to Wholly Owned Companies Leases, Asset Registers, Contracts and Operating Agreements issued on the 28 November 2022.

4 STRATEGIC RISK REGISTER DEEP DIVE - GOVERNANCE

(Pages 17 - 24)

To consider a progress report on individual risks identified in the Council's Strategic Risk Register in relation to Governance.

5 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2020/2021 AND 2021/2022 EXTERNAL AUDIT UPDATE

To receive a verbal update on the progress of the Statement of Accounts for 2020/21 and 2021/22.

6 ACTION TRACKER

(Pages 25 - 26)

To note the Committee's Action Tracker.

7 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To note the date and time of the next meeting of the Committee as 29 February, commencing at 6.00pm.

Venue information:

First floor meeting room (lift available), accessible toilets (ground floor), no-smoking building.

Other information:

For queries regarding this agenda please contact John Greenbank, Democratic Governance Senior Adviser, Tel: 01253 477229, e-mail john.greenbank@blackpool.gov.uk

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