

MORAY COUNCIL

Minute of Meeting of the Audit and Scrutiny Committee

Wednesday, 23 November 2022

Council Chambers, Council Office, High Street, Elgin, IV30 1BX

PRESENT

Councillor Peter Bloomfield, Councillor Tracy Colyer, Councillor Theresa Coull, Councillor John Cowe, Councillor John Divers, Councillor Amber Dunbar, Councillor Jérémie Fernandes, Councillor Donald Gatt, Councillor David Gordon, Councillor Sandy Keith, Councillor Graham Leadbitter, Councillor Shona Morrison

APOLOGIES

Councillor Neil McLennan

IN ATTENDANCE

Also in attendance at the above meeting were the Chief Executive, Head of Governance, Strategy and Performance, Audit and Risk Manager, and Lindsey Robinson, Committee Services Officer as clerk to the meeting.

1. Chair

Councillor Graham Leadbitter, as Chair of the Audit and Scrutiny Committee, chaired the meeting.

2. Declaration of Group Decisions and Members Interests *

In terms of Standing Order 20 and the Councillors' Code of Conduct, there were no declarations from Group Leaders or Spokespersons in regard to any prior decisions taken on how Members will vote on any item on the agenda or any declarations of Member's interests in respect of any item on the agenda.

3. Minute of Meeting of the Audit and Scrutiny Committee of 28 June 2022

The minute of the meeting of the Audit and Scrutiny Committee dated 28 June 2022 was submitted and approved.

4. Written Questions **

The Committee noted that no written questions had been submitted.

5. SPSO Recommendations Report

A report by the Chief Executive asked the Committee to consider the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman (SPSO) Recommendations report.

Following consideration, the Committee agreed to approve the report.

6. Internal Audit Section - Update Report

A report by the Depute Chief Executive provided the Committee with an update on the work of the Internal Audit Section.

During consideration the Audit and Risk manager advised that, going forward, the reports would include any follow up details.

Thereafter, the Committee agreed to note the contents of the report.

7. Internal Audit Section - Completed Projects Report

A report by the Depute Chief Executive (Education, Communities and Organisational Development) advised the Committee on the work of the Internal Audit Section for the period from 29 June 2022 to 23 November 2022.

During consideration, the Audit and Risk manager advised that the review into Adult Social Care was ongoing and the Chief Executive asked for the following to be noted from Appendix 3 to the report:

With consideration to the scope of the planned external review of adult social care commissioning, no further action is required by Internal Audit. However, progress regarding this review will be closely monitored.

Thereafter, the Committee agreed to note the contents of the report.

8. Internal Audit Charter

A report by the Depute Chief Executive (Education, Communities and Organisational Development) sought Committee approval for a revised Internal Audit Charter that defines purpose, authority, and responsibility of the internal Audit activity within the Council.

Following consideration the Committee approved the Internal Audit Charter.

9. Question Time ***

The Committee noted that no questions were asked.