

# MORAY COUNCIL

## Minute of Meeting of the Audit and Scrutiny Committee

Wednesday, 15 February 2023

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

### **PRESENT**

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

### **APOLOGIES**

Councillor John Cowe

### **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 21 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 the Meeting of the Audit and Scrutiny Committee of 23 November 2022**

The minute of the meeting of the Audit and Scrutiny Committee dated 23 November 2022 was submitted and approved.

#### **4. Written Questions \*\***

The Committee noted that no written questions had been submitted.

#### **5. Internal Audit Plan - Year Ending 31 March 2024**

A report by the Audit and Risk Manager provided the Committee with the details of the planned internal audit coverage for the year ending 31 March 2024.

Following consideration, the Committee agreed to note the proposed Internal Audit coverage for the 2023/24 financial year.

## **6. Internal Audit Section Update**

A report by the Audit and Risk Manager provided the Committee with an update on the work of the Internal Audit Section.

During consideration the Audit and Risk Manager advised the Committee that the audit of ICT Hardware Asset Management would be carried forward due to the inclusion of the Aberlour Nursery Project.

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

## **7. Internal Audit Section - Completed Projects**

A report by the Audit and Risk Manager advised the Committee on the work of the Internal Audit Section for the period from 24 November 2022 to 15 February 2023.

Following consideration, the Committee agreed to note the contents of the report.

## **8. Local Government Benchmarking Framework 2020-21 Results**

A report by the Depute Chief Executive (Education, Communities and Organisational Development) presented the Committee with a corporate overview of benchmarking performance data for the period 2020-21.

Councillor McLennan entered the meeting during the discussion of this item.

Following consideration, the Committee agreed to note the Council's performance in terms of a corporate overview of benchmarking results.

## **9. Question Time \*\*\***

The Committee noted that no questions were asked.