

## Overview and Scrutiny Committee

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Held at Council Chamber, Ryedale House, Malton  
on Thursday 27 July 2017

### Present

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Councillors Acomb (Vice-Chairman), Clark (Chairman), Cussons MBE, Duncan, Frank, Gardiner and Thornton

### In Attendance

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Will Baines, Stuart Cutts, Peter Johnson, Matthew Moore and Max Thomas (Veritau), Councillor Potter and Councillor Raper

### Minutes

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#### 17      **Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Keal, Cllr Jowitt and Cllr Sanderson.

#### 18      **Minutes of the meeting held on 20 April 2017**

| Decision   |
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| That the minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 20 April 2017 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record. |

#### 19      **Urgent Business**

There were no items of urgent business.

#### 20      **Declarations of Interest**

The following interests were declared:

Councillor Clark declared a personal non-pecuniary but not prejudicial interest in agenda item 15 as he had been lobbied by a senior member of Ryedale District Council.

### **AUDIT ITEMS**

#### 21      **KPMG Technical Update**

Considered – Report of KPMG.

| Decision                  |
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| That the report be noted. |

22      **Treasury Management Annual Report 2016-17**

Considered – Report of the Resources and Enabling Services Lead (s151).

**Recommendation to Council**

That Council is recommended to:

- (i) Note the annual treasury management report for 2016/17; and
- (ii) Approve the actual 2016/17 prudential and treasury indicators in this report

23      **Update of internal audit charter**

Considered – Report of the Resources and Enabling Services Lead (s151).

**Decision**

That the changes to the Council's internal audit charter be deferred to the next meeting.

24      **Internal Audit Annual Report 2016/17**

Considered – Report of the Resources and Enabling Services Lead (s151).

**Decision**

- a) That the results of the audit work undertaken in 2016/17 be noted
- b) That the opinion of the Head of Internal Audit on the adequacy and the effectiveness of the authority's internal control environment be accepted
- c) Monitor shortfalls on an agreed timescale

25      **Annual Governance Statement 2016/17**

Considered – Report of the Resources and Enabling Services Lead (s151)

**Decision**

That members approve the Annual Governance Statement for inclusion in the Statement of Accounts.

That the item of alleged bullying is included in the Annual Governance Statement. The wording to be decided by the Chair and Vice Chair in conjunction with the Resources and Enabling Services Lead (s151)

26      **Risk Management Strategy review**

Considered – Report of the Resources and Enabling Services Lead (s151).

**Decision**

That:

- a) The report be noted
- b) That the revised Risk Management Strategy 2017-2022 be approved.

**27 Revised Local Code of Corporate Governance**

Considered – Report of the Resources and Enabling Services Lead (s151).

**Recommendation to Council**

That the updated Local Code of Corporate Governance be approved.

**28 Exempt information**

**Resolved**

That under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 that the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item as there will be a likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act as the information provided relates to individuals.

**29 Counter fraud framework update**

Considered – Report of the Resources and Enabling Services Lead (s151).

**Decision**

That:

- a) The updated counter fraud and corruption strategy action plan be approved
- b) The analysis of current fraud risks faced by the council be noted.

**SCRUTINY ITEMS**

**30 Topic for the next Scrutiny Review**

Considered.

**Decision**

That:

- i) In principle, the review to be carried out by the Chair, Vice-Chair and an independent advisor

ii) To hold a working party to move towards point i), producing the terms of reference and reporting back to the Overview and Scrutiny committee.

The Chair committed to keeping all members of the committee informed of the arrangements for meetings of the working party, with committee members welcome to attend.

31 **Any other business that the Chairman decides is urgent.**

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9:25pm.