

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Held at Council Chamber, Ryedale House, Malton
on Thursday 24 October 2019

Present

Councillors Clark (Chairman), Garbutt Moore, Middleton, Oxley and Raper

In Attendance

Will Baines, Stuart Cutts, Jonathan Dodsworth, Anton Hodge, Gareth Mills and Christine Phillipson

Minutes

45 Apologies for absence

Apologies received from Councillor Brackstone, Councillor Keal, Councillor Raine and Thilina De Zoysa (Grant Thornton).

46 Minutes of the meeting held on 3 October 2019

Decision
That the minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny held on 3rd October be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Voting Record

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47 Urgent Business

The Chair raised two items under urgent business to be treated as exempt at the end of the meeting.

48 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

49 Chair's Announcements

The Chairman made the following announcements:

- A member briefing was to take place on 'Identifying Fraud in Local Government' ahead of the committee on Thursday 21 November. Run

by Jonathan Dodsworth and Sarah Wallis from Veritau, the briefing will take place from 6pm to 6:30pm in the Council Chamber.

- A reminder of the 'Cut my Carbon' Footprint free drop-in event at the Milton Rooms on Saturday 2 November from 10:30am to 2pm. The Ryedale Environment Forum will follow at 2:30pm.
- A reminder of the planned visits to the Job Centre, the option for additional dates was discussed and these will be circulated.

50 First Internal Audit and Counter Fraud Progress Reports 2019/20

Considered – Report of the Chief Finance Officer.

Decision

That the committee note the work undertaken by internal audit and the counter fraud team in the year to date and thank them for their work in producing the reports.

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51 Update of Internal Audit Charter

Considered – Report of the Chief Finance Officer.

Decision

That the committee approve the changes to the council's internal audit charter.

Voting Record

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52 External Audit Annual Audit Letter

Considered – Report of Grant Thornton.

Decision

That the annual audit letter be noted and thank the Auditors for their work.

Voting Record

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53 **External Audit Annual Fee Letter 2019-20**

Considered.

Decision

That the Annual External Audit fee letter be noted.

Voting Record

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54 **Treasury Management Mid-Year Review**

Considered – Report of the Chief Finance Officer.

Decision

That :

(i) Members receive this report; and

(ii) The mid-year performance of the in-house managed funds to date is noted.

(iii) Members note the update regarding NYCC Treasury services and sweeping.

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55 **Update on Risk Management**

Considered – Report of the Chief Finance Officer.

Decision

That the Committee notes the contents of this report and thanks the Chief Finance Officer and the wider team for its production. The Overview and Scrutiny Committee requests that Members of the Committee come forward to discuss any additions or amendments to the Corporate Risk Register.

Voting Record

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56 **Timetable of Meetings 2020-21**

Considered – Report of the Democratic Services Manager.

Decision

That the Committee defer feedback and comments on the initial draft timetable of meetings for 2020-2021.

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0 Abstentions

57 **O&S Forward Plan**

Considered

Decision

That the Forward Plan be noted.

58 **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 items 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.

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A provisional additional Overview and Scrutiny meeting has been arranged for Monday 4th November at 7pm to discuss the following items unless clarity is received beforehand on a number of questions raised.

**Eden Camp Business Park Food Enterprise Zone
DWP Tenancy at Ryedale House**

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

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.05pm.