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Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Held at Council Chamber, Ryedale House, Malton
on Thursday 28 July 2016

Present

Councillors Acomb (Vice-Chairman), Duncan, Gardiner, Jainu-Deen, Jowitt, Potter, Sanderson and Wainwright

In Attendance

Audrey Adnitt, Fiona Brown, Katherine Goodall (KPMG) , Peter Johnson, Richard Smith (Veritau), Max Thomas (Veritau), Sarah Wadsworth (Veritau) and Rob Walker (KPMG).

Minutes

11 **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Councillor Keal and Councillor Cussons.

12 **Minutes of the Meeting held on 21 April 2016**

Decision

That the minutes of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on the 21 April 2016, be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

13 **Urgent Business**

The Chairman reported that a Special meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Scrutiny) had been arranged, and would take place on Thursday 8th September 2016 at 5pm. The meeting would give Members the opportunity to discuss which recommendations to take forward to Policy & Resources arising from the scrutiny review of Property Assets.

14 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

15 **Update on Internal Audit Charter**

Considered the report of the Finance Manager (s151)

Decision

That the proposed changes to the Council's Internal Audit Charter be approved.

16 **KPMG Technical Update**

Considered a Technical Update prepared by KPMG.

Decision

That the report be received.

17 **Internal Audit Annual Report 2015/16**

Considered the report of the Finance Manager (s151)

Decision

That the results on the audit work undertaken during 2015/16 be noted, and the opinion of the Head of Internal Audit on the adequacy and the effectiveness of the authority's internal control environment be accepted.

18 **Annual Governance Statement**

Considered the report of the Finance Manager (s151).

Decision

That the Annual Governance Statement be approved for inclusion in the Statement of Accounts.

19 **Treasury Management Annual Report 2015-16**

Considered the report of the Finance Manager (s151)

Decision

That the Annual Treasury Management Report for 2015/16 be noted and the actual 2015/16 prudential and treasury indicators in the report be approved.

20 **KPMG Local Authority Corporate Risk Register Analysis**

Considered the Local Authority Corporate Risk Register Analysis prepared by KPMG.

Decision

That the report be received.

21 Sector Led Body for External Auditor Appointments - Opt In

Considered the report of the Finance Manager (s151)

Decision

That report be noted.

22 Counter Fraud Policy and Anti Money Laundering Policy

Considered the report of the Finance Manager (s151).

Recommendation

That the updated Counter Fraud and Corruption Policy and Anti Money Laundering Policy be referred to Full Council with a recommendation for approval.

23 Counter Fraud Strategy - July 2016

Considered the report of the Finance Manager (s151).

Recommendation

That the proposed Counter fraud and Corruption Strategy be approved, subject to the approval of the updated Counter Fraud and Corruption Policy by Full Council.

24 Exempt Information

Decision

That under Paragraph 7 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended), the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item as the information relates to action which may be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime.

25 **Counter Fraud Risk Assessment**

Considered the report of the Finance Manager (s151).

Decision

That the analysis of current fraud risks faced by the Council be noted.

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

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.05pm.