

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Held at Council Chamber, Ryedale House, Malton
on Thursday 23 January 2020

Present

Councillors Bailey, Clark (Chairman), Cussons MBE, Garbutt Moore, Middleton and Raper

In Attendance

Will Baines, Jonathan Dodsworth, Anton Hodge, Gareth Mills, Christine Phillipson and Thilina De Zoysa

Minutes

87 **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Councillor Brackstone, Councillor Raine, Councillor Oxley and Councillor Keal.

88 **Urgent Business**

There were no items of urgent business.

89 **Minutes of the meeting held on 21st November 2019**

Decision
That the minutes of the meetings of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 21 November 2019 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Voting record
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90 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

91 **Chair's Announcements**

There were no Chair's announcements

PART 'A' ITEMS - MATTERS TO BE DEALT WITH UNDER DELEGATED POWERS OR MATTERS DETERMINED BY COMMITTEE

92 **Second Internal Audit and Counter Fraud Progress Reports 2019/20**

Considered – Report of the Chief Finance Officer (s151).

Decision

That the Committee notes the work undertaken by internal audit in the year to date.

Voting Record

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Decision

That the Committee notes the work undertaken by the counter fraud team in the year to date.

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Internal Audit Plan 2020/21 - Consultation

Considered – Report of the Chief Finance Officer (s151).

Decision

That Members agree to consider any specific risk areas and inform Internal Audit via the Chair of Committee or Committee clerk.

Voting Record

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Grant Thornton External Audit Plan

Considered – Report of Grant Thornton.

Decision

That the External Audit Plan be noted, thanks given to Grant Thornton and any comments fed back via the Chair of Committee or Committee clerk.

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Voting Record

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95 **Update on the use of Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000**

Considered – Report of the Democratic Services Manager.

Decision

That Members note that no application for covert surveillance has been made to the Council's approved "Authorising Officers" and as a consequence no application to the Magistrates Court requesting approval of any such grant has been made.

Voting Record

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96 **Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy 2020/21**

Considered – Report of the Chief Finance Officer (s151).

Decision

- (i) Members note this report;
- (ii) The Operational Borrowing Limit for 2020/21 is set at £6m;
- (iii) The Authorised Borrowing Limit for 2020/21 is set at £11.5m;
- (iv) Councillors delegate authority to the Chief Finance Officer to effect movement within the agreed authorised boundary limits for long-term borrowing for 2020/21 onwards.

- (v) Councillors delegate authority to the Chief Finance Officer to effect movement within the agreed operational boundary limits for long-term borrowing for 2020/21 onwards.
- (vi) The treasury management strategy statement 2020/21 be noted.
- (vii) The minimum revenue provision policy statement for 2020/21 be noted.
- (viii) The treasury management investment strategy for 2020/21 be noted.
- (ix) The prudential indicators for 2020/21 which reflect the capital expenditure plans which are affordable, prudent and sustainable be noted.
- (x) The Capital Strategy for 2020/21 be noted

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Timetable of Meetings 2020-21

Considered – Report of the Democratic Services Manager.

Note : Councillors Middleton and Garbutt-Moore to identify specific issues around overlapping school holiday and meeting dates and make comment to Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee and feed into Policy and Resources Committee.

Decision

That Council is recommended to note the timetable of meetings as a basis for working in 2020-21.

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O&S Workplan

Considered.

Decision

That the O&S workplan be noted. Chair of Committee made reference to the possibility of the next scheduled meeting on 13th February 2020 being cancelled or a working party to be scheduled in its place.

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99 **Dates for Future Working Party Meetings.**

A date to be confirmed in March for a Universal Credit working party to meet and visit the Job Centre.

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

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.10pm