

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Held at Council Chamber - Ryedale House, Malton, North Yorkshire YO17 7HH
on Thursday 16 February 2023

Present

Councillors Middleton (Chair), Oxley (Vice-Chair) and Wass

In Attendance

Beckie Bennett (on teams), Greg Charnley (on teams), Owen Griffiths, Anton Hodge (on teams), Marcus Lee, Nicki Lishman, Richard Mair, Nigel McCloy (on teams), Connor Munro (on teams), and Margaret Wallace.

Minutes

41 **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received by Cllrs King and Raine.

42 **Minutes of the meeting held on 24 November 2022**

Decision
That the minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Meeting held on 24 November 2022 be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

Voting Record

Unanimous

43 **Urgent Business**

There was no urgent business.

44 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

45 **Internal Audit and Counter Fraud Annual Report 2022/23**

Considered – report of the Chief Finance Officer (s. 151)

Decision

That Members:

- a) note the results of the internal audit and counter fraud work undertaken in 2022/23.
- b) note the opinion of the Head of Internal Audit regarding the overall framework of governance, risk management and control operating within the Council.
- c) note that no significant control weaknesses have been identified by internal audit during the year which are relevant to the preparation of the annual governance statement.

Voting Record

Unanimous

46 **CIPFA Financial Management Code**

Considered – report of the Chief Finance Officer (s. 151)

Decision

That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee notes the work undertaken to enhance compliance with the CIPFA FM Code.

Voting

Unanimous

47 **Update on the Use of Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (RIPA)**

Considered- The report of the Head of Corporate Governance.

Decision

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

Voting

Unanimous

48 **Standards Complaints Overview and Annual Report**

Considered- The report of the Head of Corporate Governance.

This item was deferred due to requiring further information to be included in the report and would be brought to an Extraordinary Meeting of the Committee to be held prior to the meeting of Full Council on 16 March 2023.

49 **Corporate Risk Register Update**

Considered- The report of the Programme Director for People and Resources

Decision

That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee approve the revised risk register.

Voting

Unanimous

50 **Customer Complaints and Compliments Q3 2022/23**

Considered- The report of the Programme Director for People and Resources

Decision

That the Overview and Scrutiny Committee note and endorse the performance of complaints and compliments received in quarter 3 of the 2022/23 reporting cycle.

Voting

Unanimous

51 **External Auditor's Annual Report**

Considered – report of the Chief Finance Officer (s.151)

Recommendation to Council

It is recommended to Council that:
(i) The External Auditor's Report is noted.

Voting

Unanimous

The Chief Finance Officer conveyed his thanks to the work undertaken by Grant Thornton, Veritau, and Ryedale District Council's finance department in preparation of both the internal and external audits over the past year.

52 **Decisions from other Committees**

The Committee received the Minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 9 February 2023.

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

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7:45pm.