

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Held at Meeting Room 1, Ryedale House, Malton
on Thursday 12 April 2012

Present

Councillors Wainwright (Chairman), Mrs Shields (Vice-Chairman), Mrs Hopkinson, Ward, Raper, Windress and Hawkins

In Attendance

Trevor Anderson, James Ingham (North Yorkshire Audit Partnership), Sarah Anderson (Deloitte LLP), Audrey Adnitt, Max Thomas (Veritau Ltd) and Richard Smith (Veritau Ltd).

Minutes

The Chairman welcomed Mr Thomas and Mr Smith from Veritau Ltd to the meeting, and introductions were made.

146 **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Councillors Arnold and Cussons.

147 **Minutes of the meeting held on the 16 February 2012**

The minutes of the meeting of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee held on the 16 February 2012 were presented.

Resolved

That the minutes of the meeting of the Overview & Scrutiny Committee held on the 16 February 2012 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

148 **Urgent Business**

The Chairman reported that there were no items to be dealt with at the meeting as a matter of urgency by virtue of Section 100(B)(4)(b).

149 **Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of interest were received.

150 **Certification of Claim and Returns 2010/11 - Annual Report February 2012**

The Chairman welcomed Mrs Sarah Anderson of Deloitte LLP, the Council's external auditor, to the meeting.

Mrs Anderson presented the Annual Report prepared in February 2012 by Deloitte LLP in respect of the certification of claims and returns 2010/11.

The report had been discussed and agreed with the Corporate Director (s151). Deloitte LLP expressed their appreciation for the assistance and co-operation provided during the course of the certification work, and reported that their aim was to deliver a high standard of work, which made a positive and practical contribution which supported the Authority's own agenda.

Resolved

That the report be accepted.

151 **External Audit Progress Report April 2012**

Mrs Anderson (Deloitte LLP) presented the External Audit Progress Report as at April 2012, which provided a summary of recent activities.

Resolved

That the report be received.

152 **Accounts and Audit Regulation 6 - Review of Effectiveness of Internal Audit**

The Head of Internal Audit presented a report (previously circulated) in order to present the Annual Review of the Effectiveness of Internal Audit from the North Yorkshire Audit Partnership for approval.

Overall the report provided an assurance that the internal audit service provided through the North Yorkshire Audit Partnership met the criteria for an effective system of internal audit. It was not a 'carte blanche' but a balanced judgement.

Resolved

That the Annual Review of the Effectiveness of Internal Audit 2011/2012 from the North Yorkshire Audit Partnership be approved.

153 **Scrutiny Reviews Progress Report 'Supporting a Sustainable Community and Voluntary Sector'**

The Head of Transformation submitted a report (previously circulated) in order to present the progress of the scrutiny review currently being undertaken.

Resolved

That the progress be noted.

154 **Decisions from other Committees**

Decisions from the following Committees were submitted:

Commissioning Board held on the 22 March 2012

Policy & Resources held on the 4 April 2012

Resolved

That the list of decisions of the Commissioning Board held on the 22 March 2012 and the Policy & Resources Committee held on the 4 April 2012 be received.

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

There were no urgent items.

The meeting closed at 7.15pm.