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Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Held at Council Chamber, Ryedale House, Malton
on Thursday 25 October 2018

Present

Councillors Acomb (Vice-Chairman), Clark (Chairman), Cowling, Frank, Jowitt and Oxley

In Attendance

Will Baines, Beckie Bennett, Stuart Cutts, Jonathan Dodsworth, Gareth Mills and Thilina De Zoysa (Grant Thornton)

Minutes

37 **Apologies for absence**

Apologies received from Cllr Keal, Cllr Cussons and Cllr Sanderson.

38 **Minutes of the meeting held on 4 October 2018**

Decision

That the minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on 4 October 2018 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

Voting Record

4 For

0 Against

2 Abstentions

39 **Urgent Business**

There were no items of urgent business.

40 **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

41 **KPMG Annual Audit Letter 2017/18**

Considered.

Decision

That the Annual Audit Letter for 2017/18 be noted.

Voting Record

6 For

0 Against

0 Abstentions

42 **Grant Thornton Audit Progress Report and Sector Update**

Considered.

Decision

That the progress report and sector update be noted.

Voting Record

6 For

0 Against

0 Abstentions

43 **2018/19 Audit Fee Letter**

Considered.

Decision

That the 2018/19 Audit fee letter be noted.

Voting Record

6 For

0 Against

0 Abstentions

44 **Annual Update of the Internal Audit Charter**

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

Decision

That the Committee approve the changes to the Council's internal audit charter

Voting Record

6 For

0 Against

0 Abstentions

45 **First Internal Audit and Counter Fraud progress reports 2018/19**

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

Decision

That
- The committee notes the work undertaken by internal audit and the counter fraud team in the year to date.

- The committee notes the arrangements for the external assessment of internal audit.

Voting Record

6 For

0 Against

0 Abstentions

46 **Timetable of Meetings 2019-2020**

Considered – Report of the Chief Executive.

Recommendation to Council

That the timetable of meetings 2019-2020 be approved.

Voting Record

6 For

0 Against

0 Abstentions

47 **Corporate Risk Management Update**

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

Decision

That the report be noted.

A request was made that Officers arrange training for Members before a policy was agreed.

Voting Record

6 For

0 Against

0 Abstentions

48 **Resolution at Council meeting on 11 October 2018 - 'Delivering the Council Plan' - Reports Triggered by Performance Indicators**

Considered.

Decision

That the resolution passed by Council on 11 October 2018 be noted.

Voting Record

5 For

0 Against
0 Abstentions

49 **Resolution at Council meeting on 11 October 2018 - Climate Change**

Considered.

Decision

That the resolution passed by the Council meeting on 11 October 2018 be noted and the committee look forward to receiving a report in the near future.

Voting Record

5 For
0 Against
0 Abstentions

50 **Dates for next task group meetings**

Considered.

Decision

That the date of the task group meeting into climate change be agreed.

51 **Interim verbal update from the Chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

In order to consider this item, the Chair moved that the committee move into exempt session. This was seconded by Cllr Oxley.

Resolved

That under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 that the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item 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.

The Chair made the following statement:

Barry Khan, the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services) for North Yorkshire County Council, has been appointed to be Deputy Monitoring Officer to advise the Corporate Governance Standards Sub-Committee. This sub-committee will deal with any issues relating to Members that arise from the findings of Professor John Raine's Bullying Report. The sub-committee will consider any complaints under the Members Code of Conduct.

As agreed at a previous meeting of Overview and Scrutiny, the Chair has given a copy of Professor John Raine's report to the Chief Executive.

This will enable her to use it in reference to employment matters arising from the report. Stacey Burlet will report back to Overview and Scrutiny early in the New Year.

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

The Chair reported that he had received a document from the Head of HR on the appraisal arrangements for the new Chief Executive.

The Chair agreed to circulate the document to committee members and asked for feedback on this as soon as possible.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8:45pm.

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