

HAVANT BOROUGH COUNCIL

At a meeting of the Governance & Audit Committee held on 30 November 2016

Present

Councillor Smith K (Chairman)

Councillors Lenaghan, Pike and Perry (Standing Deputy)

64 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Davis and Rees.

65 Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Governance and Audit Committee held on 21 September 2016 be approved as a correct record.

66 Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

67 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

68 Chairman's Report

The Chairman expressed his sadness at the passing of Councillor Mackey and stated his gratitude for the work he had undertaken for the Committee.

69 Annual Audit Letter 2015/2016

The Committee considered the Annual Audit Letter 2015/2016 as presented by Ernst and Young LLP. Emma Bryant of Ernst and Young LLP joined the meeting for the debate on this item and answered members' questions in connection with the report.

The Annual Audit letter summarised the findings from the 2015/16 audit. The letter gave an 'Unqualified' opinion on the Council's financial statements and concluded that proper arrangements to secure value for money were in place.

During the course of the discussion, members requested further details on the bank reconciliation difference identified in the Annual Audit Letter.

RESOLVED that the Annual Audit Letter 2015/2016 from Ernst and Young LLP be noted.

70 Internal Audit Progress Report

The Committee considered the Internal Audit Progress Report presented by Antony Harvey and Amanda Chalmers of the Southern Internal Audit Partnership, who joined the meeting for the debate on this item and answered members' questions in connection with the report.

The Committee were informed the work of Internal Audit was on track and there were no significant issues to be highlighted at this stage.

During the course of the discussion, members requested clarification on the overdue management actions relating to the Local Government Transparency Code 2015.

RESOLVED that the Internal Audit Progress Report be noted.

71 Monitoring Officer's Update

The Deputy Monitoring Officer informed the Committee that the Code of Conduct Policy was being updated and the review of the Constitution was on-going to ensure it remained fit for purpose.

The Committee were also informed that there were currently no outstanding Code of Conduct complaints.

The meeting commenced at 5.00 pm and concluded at 5.30 pm