LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

COMMITTEE DECISION SHEET

AUDIT, RISK AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - TUESDAY, 26 JUNE 2018

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	Item Title	Committee Decision	Services Required to take action	Officer to Action
1.1	<u>Determination of Urgent Business</u>	The Committee resolved: there were no items of urgent business.		
2.1	<u>Determination of Exempt Business</u>	The Committee resolved: there were no items of exempt business.		
3.1	Declarations of Interest	The Committee resolved: to note that there were no declarations of interest.		
4.1	<u>Deputation Requests</u>	The Committee resolved: there were no deputation requests		
5.1	Minute of Previous Meeting of 8 May 2018	The Committee resolved: to approve the minute as a correct record.		
6.1	Committee Business Planner	The Committee resolved: (i) in relation to items 9 (Creditors Payments) and 11 (Stores Purchasing) to note that the Chief Internal Auditor advisedthat the draft reports has been issued to the Service and provided assurance that the reports would be presented to the meeting of this Committee on 25	Internal Audit	D Hughes

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		September 2018; (ii) in relation to item 16 (Corporate Investigation Team – Annual Fraud Report), to note that there was an acknowledgement of staff shortages which had impacted on the workload of the team and that the report would be submitted to the September meeting of this Committee; and (iii) to otherwise note the content of the report.	Governance	B Muldoon
7.2	Audited Annual Accounts 2017/18 -	The Committee resolved:	Einanaa	S Butbloy
	RES/18/044	 (i) to approve the Council's audited Annual Accounts 2017/18 for signature by the Director of Resources, Chief Executive and Council Co-Leader; (ii) to approve the audited Annual Accounts 2017/18 for those registered charities where the Council was the sole trustee and to nominate a trustee to sign the accounts; (iii) to note that the Interim Chief Officer Finance would provide a response to a question from the Convener relating to Music School Tutors; (iv) to request the Director of Resources and the Interim Chief Officer Finance to relay the thanks from the Committee to their teams for the work undertaken to get the annual accounts audited earlier than previous years; and (v) to note the thanks to the External Audit Team for the work in relation to 	Resources Finance	S Whyte S Buthlay

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		auditing the accounts.		
7.1	ISA 260 Report to Those Charged with Governance	The Committee resolved: (i) to note that an unqualified independent audit opinion was likely to be issued for the annual accounts and the registered charities for the financial period 1 April 2017 to 31 March 2018; (ii) to note that an action plan to address the recommendations for improvement from External Audit had been agreed by management; (iii) in response to a question from Councillor Donnelly regarding the value of Marischal Square, to note that the reason for this was due to the change in the lease from an operational lease to a financial lease and that the valuations would be undertaken each year; (iv) in response to a question from the Convener regarding implementation dates of August 2018 contained within the Action Plan, to request the Interim Chief Officer Finance to provide an update at the September meeting of this Committee as to whether those actions had been completed; and (v) to otherwise note the content of the report.	External Audit Finance	A Shaw
7.3	Internal Audit Progress - IA/18/014	The Committee resolved: (i) to note that the Chief Internal Auditor had advised that the outstanding audit reports would be submitted to the	Internal Audit	D Hughes

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		(ii) September meeting of this Committee; in relation to a question from Councillor Townson relating to General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) and whether benchmarking would be undertaken with other Local Authorities, to note that GDPR was new legislation and only been in operation since May 2018 and that the audit would be undertaken to provide assurance that the Council had adequate arrangements in place and that Internal Audit would not be benchmarking against other Local Authorities; in relation to a question from Councillor McLellan relating to GDPR training for elected members, to note that training had been offered and that for those elected members yet to receive the training additional dates would be scheduled; and (iv) to otherwise note the content of the report.	Governance	S Inglis
7.4	Internal Audit Charter - IA/18/010	The Committee resolved: (i) in relation to a question from Councillor Townson regarding whether Internal Audit had authority through the Council's Financial Regulations to have access to the same level of information pertaining to ALEO's, to note that the Director of Resources advised that Internal Audit did not have the same access as ALEO's were separate legal entities;	Internal Audit	D Hughes

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		(ii) to otherwise approve the Internal Audit Charter.		
7.5	Internal Audit Annual Report - IA/18/011	The Committee resolved: (i) to note the Annual Report for 2017/18; (ii) to note that the Chief Internal Auditor had confirmed the organisational independence of Internal Audit; (iii) to note that there had been no limitation to the scope of Internal Audit work during 2017/18; and (iv) to note that during the year, KPMG completed an External Quality Assessment of Internal Audit that had already been reported to the Committee.	Internal Audit	D Hughes
7.6	Internal Audit Planning - IA/18/012	The Committee resolved: (i) to agree that a detailed single year Internal Audit plan would be prepared; (ii) to agree that the detail of themes to be covered over a three to five year period would be made more explicit in the planning documentation without identifying the specific area to be reviewed to achieve desired assurance outcomes; (iii) to agree that Internal Audit and the Council's management team keep (i) and (ii) above under review, to determine if and when a multi-year plan would be more desirable; and (iv) to agree that the same timetable be used for developing the 2019/20 Audit plan.	Internal Audit	D Hughes
7.7	RIPSA - Quarterly Report - GOV/18/025	The Committee resolved:		

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		 (i) in relation to a question from Councillor Townson regarding training for staff, to note that the Service Manager for Legal Services would determine how the training was recorded in staff records and would provide a response to Committee; (ii) in relation to questions from members regarding the future reporting arrangements, to instruct the Team Leader, Governance to provide a report each quarter to provide assurance to the Committee all activity was being monitored appropriately; and (iii) to otherwise note the content of the report. 	Governance	J Buchanan J Anderson
7.8	Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Decisions and Inspector of Crematoria Complaint Decisions - CUS/18/017	The Committee resolved: to note the content of the report.	Customer Experience	L McKenzie
7.9	Local Scrutiny Plan	The Committee resolved: to note the content of the report.	External Audit	A Shaw
7.10	Internal Audit Reports - Follow-up of Agreed Recommendations - IA/18/009	The Committee resolved: (i) in response to the Conveners statement regarding Services not meeting the previously agreed audit timescales to note that the Director of Resources provided an assurance that all Directors and Chief Officers would be held to task on the recommendations contained within audit reports and that the outstanding recommendations would be dealt with	All Directorates	All Directors All Chief Officers

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	as a priority; (ii) to note that where Chief Officers had not progressed audit recommendations that they would be instructed to provide a report to the Committee to explain the reasons why the deadlines had not been adhered to; (iii) in relation to a question from the Vice Convener regarding the Craft Workers Terms and Conditions audit and whether the issues had been resolved, to note that the Chief Officer Operations and Protective Services advised that there had been no further negotiations with Trade Unions and that he would meet with the Chief Internal Auditor with a view to move the item forward; and	Operations and Protective Services	M Reilly
	(iv) to otherwise note the content of the report.	Internal Audit	D Hughes

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