

Eden District Council

Accounts and Governance Committee Minutes

Date: 22 December 2021 Venue: The Council Chamber, Town Hall, Penrith Time: 6.45 pm

Present:

Chairman:	Councillor M Eyles	
Vice Chairman:	Councillor S Lancaster	
Councillors:	R Briggs	K Greenwood
	A Connell	J C Lynch
Officers Present:	Marianne Bastille, Assistant Director Finance & HR Paul Sutton, Interim Director of Resources	
Democratic Services Officer:	Lewis Powell	

AGc/33/12/21 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Wicks and McCall.

AGc/34/12/21 Minutes of Previous Meeting

Proposed by Councillor Eyles
Seconded by Councillor Lancaster

and **RESOLVED** that the public minutes AGc/21/11/21 to AGc/32/11/21 of the meeting of this Committee held on the 18 November 2021 be confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a correct record of those proceedings.

AGc/35/12/21 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were made.

AGc/36/12/21 Questions and Representations from Members of the Public

No questions or representations were received from members of the public under Rules 10 and 11 of the Council Rules of Procedure in Part 3 of the Constitution.

AGc/37/12/21 Questions and Representations from Members

No questions or representations were received from Members under Rules 11 and 12 of the Council Procedure Rules of the Constitution.

AGc/38/12/21 2019/20 Annual Audit Letter

Members considered Report No: F48/21 of the Interim Director of Resources which provided information on the External Auditors' (Grant Thornton) Annual Audit letter for the audits of the accounts for 2019/20

Proposed by Councillor Eyles
Seconded by Councillor Connell

and **RESOLVED** that the report and Plan be noted.

AGc/39/12/21 2020/21 External Audit Plan

Members considered Report No: F47/21 of the Interim Director of Resources which provided information on the External Auditors' (Grant Thornton) Audit Plan for their audit of the accounts.

Proposed by Councillor Eyles
Seconded by Councillor Greenwood

and **RESOLVED** that the report and Plan be noted.

AGc/40/12/21 Internal Audit: Summary Progress Report for 2021-22

Members considered Report No: F44/21 of the Assistant Director Finance & HR which sought to inform the Committee about the Council's Internal Audit Annual Summary Progress Report for 2020 – 2021.

Proposed by Councillor Eyles
Seconded by Councillor Lancaster

and **RESOLVED** that the Committee notes this report, and the Summary Progress Report 2021/22 from TIAA attached at Appendices 1-3.

AGc/41/12/21 Treasury Management Six-Month Review

Members considered Report No: F50/21 of the Assistant Director Finance & HR which sought to provide Members with a half-yearly report on the Strategy and Plan for Treasury Management during the Financial Year 2020/21.

Proposed by Councillor Eyles
Seconded by Councillor Greenwood

and **RESOLVED** that the report be noted.

AGc/42/12/21 Anti-Fraud Plan 2020/21

Members considered Report No: F45/21 of the Assistant Director Finance & HR in respect of the proposed Anti-Fraud, Theft, Bribery and Corruption Strategy and Response Plan.

Proposed by Councillor Eyles
Seconded by Councillor Connell

and **RESOLVED** that the updated Anti-Fraud, Theft, Bribery and Corruption Strategy and Response Plan be approved.

AGc/43/12/21 Local Code of Governance

Members considered Report No: F46/21 of the Assistant Director Finance & HR report which sets out the Council's Local Code of Governance 2021-2022. Members are asked to confirm that the Local Code of Governance fairly reflects the Council's corporate governance arrangements.

Proposed by Councillor Eyles
Seconded by Councillor Greenwood

and **RESOLVED** that:

1. the review of the Local Code of Governance 2020-21 be noted;
2. the Committee proposed any further amendments and endorsed the Local Code of Governance Action Plan for 2021-22; and
3. the Local Code of Governance for 2021-22 be approved.

AGc/44/12/21 Provisional Outturn 2020/21

Members considered Report No: F49/21 of the Interim Director of Resources which summarises the Council's Revenue and Capital performance for the financial year 2020/21.

Proposed by Councillor Eyles
Seconded by Councillor Lynch

and **RESOLVED** that:

1. the Revenue Outturn position for 2020/21 as set out in Appendix 1 be noted;
2. the Capital Outturn position for 2020/21 as set out in Appendix 2 be noted;
3. the slippage on Capital which is to be carried forward into the 2021/22 as set out in Appendix 2 be noted; and
4. the revenue underspend be allocated to create earmarked revenue reserves, with additional adjustments as set out below:

	£000
LGR Implementation Reserve	1,600
Heart of Cumbria Reserve	-1,467
Revenue Slippage (Appendix 3)	500
Corporate Priorities	1,167
	<u>1,800</u>

AGc/45/12/21 Any Other Items Which the Chairman Decides are Urgent

There were no other items which the Chairman decided were urgent.

AGc/46/12/21 Date of Next Scheduled Meeting

The date of the next scheduled meeting was confirmed as being Thursday 10 February 2022 at 6.45 p.m

The meeting closed at 7.50 pm

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