

Minutes of the meeting of the **Audit and Risk Committee** South Staffordshire Council held in the Council Chamber Community Hub, Wolverhampton Road, Codsall, South Staffordshire, WV8 1PX on Tuesday, 03 October 2023 at 16:00

Present:-

Councillor Andrew Adams, Councillor Steph Dufty, Councillor Christopher Evans, Councillor John Michell, Councillor Martin Perry, Councillor Sue Szalapski

16 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee held on 11 July be approved and signed by the Chairmen.

17 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillor Bond MBE.

18 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

19 **ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT**

RESOLVED: That Audit & Risk Committee support the attached draft Annual Governance Statement 2022/23 (at Appendix 1).

20 **QUARTERLY TREASURY MANAGEMENT REPORT: QUARTER 1 - 01.04.23 TO 30.06.23**

RESOLVED: Members were asked to note the position as set out in the report.

21 **INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT**

RESOLVED: To note the internal audit activity to date.

22 **APPROVAL OF THE COUNTER FRAUD AND CORRUPTION POLICY**

RESOLVED: To approve the revised Counter Fraud and Corruption Policy.

23 **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

RESOLVED - that the Press and Public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items on the grounds that they are likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12(A) to the Local Government Act 1972.

24 **REVIEW OF THE INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT - DEBTORS AND DEBT RECOVERY**

This item is exempt in accordance with Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972

- Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information);

The Meeting ended at: 17:30

5 October 2023

CHAIRMAN