

Audit and Standards Committee

The committee met on 23rd September 2019.

During the course of the meeting, the business dealt with was as follows:

Members were advised that the Local Ombudsman Annual Review letter had been received by the council and that whilst the number of decisions had increased slightly, no complaints against the council had been upheld.

The Corporate Risk Management Report for Q1 was reviewed and a number of new risks noted, which applied largely to building issues at Castle House. Members were assured that the issues were being dealt with and that it was hoped that solutions were imminent for some of the problems.

Members questioned the method of arriving at high risk values which appeared to remain at maximum level despite work to mitigate the risks. It was agreed that a worked example would be carried out at the next meeting to show how the values are calculated.

Jan Willis informed members that the Annual Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2019 had been signed by the Chair, under delegated authority and Grant Pattison of Grant Thornton took members through the Annual Audit Letter which detailed additional work undertaken during this year's Audit and the costs accruing as a result of this. It was resolved that the letter be received.

Members resolved that the Internal Audit Progress Report -Quarter one and the quarterly report relating to the Adoption of Internal Audit High Risk Recommendations and Summary of Assurance, be received.

Next Meeting 11th November 2019.

Paul Waring (Chair)