

GATESHEAD METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL

AUDIT AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, 30 January 2024

PRESENT: Councillor L Kirton (Chair)
Councillor(s): H Kelly, J McElroy, Mr Stuart Bell
(Independent Member) and Ian Dormer (Independent
Member)

APOLOGIES: Councillor(s): R Mullen, R Beadle, L Green and C Ord

ASC481 MINUTES

The Committee received an update on the 2022/23 Audit. The audit is substantially completed with an expectation completion date of week ending 2nd February 2024. The annual report will be presented at the next committee.

The minutes were approved as a correct record.

ASC482 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

ASC483 CORPORATE RISK MANAGEMENT 2023/24 - QUARTER 3 UPDATE

The Committee received a report which updated the Committee on Corporate Risk Management developments during the period 1 October 2023 to 31 December 2023.

The report provided an update on Strategic Risk Management, Operational Risk Management, Business Continuity Management and the Corporate Risk and Resilience Group.

The Corporate Risk and Resilience Group last met on 16 January 2024. The following items were considered:

- Review of recent Business Impact Assessment and Business Continuity Plan seasonal refresh
- Updates from Groups and Services

The Committee discussed if regularly implement stress tests on across the Council to ensure recovery plans are fit for purpose. It was discussed IT may have stress tests and is part of the audit test, but these facts are to be checked and reported back to the Committee. There is a resilience plan in place but advised this could be of interest for the Committee to see the presentation.

RESOLVED: That the information contained within the report be noted.

ASC484 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED - That the press and public be excluded from the meeting for consideration of the remaining items in accordance with paragraph 7 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972.

ASC485 INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN 2023/24 QUARTERLY MONITORING REPORT TO 31 DECEMBER 2023

The Committee received and approved a report which outlined the progress made by the Internal Audit and Risk Service against the audit plan for the financial year 2023.

RESOLVED: That the information contained within the report be noted.

ASC486 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will take place on 7th March 2024 at 10am in the Blaydon Room.

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