



Brent

MINUTES OF THE AUDIT AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Held as an online virtual meeting on Tuesday 5 May 2020 on the rising of the Audit & Standards Advisory Committee at 8.00 pm

PRESENT (in remote attendance): Councillor Long (Chair) and Councillors Donnelly-Jackson, Hassan, Naheerathan, Nerva, Kansagra and Kabir

Also Present: Councillor McLennan (Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Resources) and David Ewart (Independent Chair of the Audit & Standards Advisory Committee).

1. **Apologies for absence and clarification of alternate members**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Choudry (with Councillor Kabir attending as a substitute).

2. **Election of Chair**

Given the apologies for absence received from Councillor Choudry, the Committee **RESOLVED** to elect Councillor Long as Chair for the duration of the meeting.

3. **Declaration of Interests**

None received.

4. **Deputations (if any)**

There were no deputations.

5. **Minutes of the previous meeting**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the Audit and Standards Committee held on Wednesday 10 July 2019 be approved as an accurate record.

6. **Annual Governance Statement 2019-20**

The Committee received the report from the Director of Legal, HR, Audit & Investigations setting out the draft Annual Governance Statement (AGS) for 2019/20, as required under the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015.

Members noted that the AGS had been referred on to the Committee for formal approval following its detailed consideration at the preceding meeting of the Audit & Standards Advisory Committee.

On the basis of the discussion and comments made at the preceding Audit & Standards Advisory Committee it was **RESOLVED** to approve the 2019/20 Annual Governance Statement for formal sign off.

The meeting closed at 8.03 pm

COUNCILLOR JANICE LONG
Chair