



## **MINUTES OF THE AUDIT AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

**Held in the Conference Hall, Brent Civic Centre on Monday 26 July 2021 on the rising of the Audit and Standards Advisory Committee**

**PRESENT:** Councillor Lo (Chair) and Councillors Akram (in remote attendance), Kansagra, Long and Naheerathan

**Also Present:** Councillor McLennan (Deputy Leader and Lead Member for Resources), David Ewart (Independent Chair of the Audit & Standards Advisory Committee), Mark Mills and Javed Ansari (in remote attendance) (Independent Co-Opted Members Audit & Standards Advisory Committee) and Vineeta Manchanda (Independent Advisor Audit & Standards Advisory Committee).

### **1. Apologies for Absence and clarification of alternative members**

Apologies were received from Councillor Donnelly Jackson, Councillor Johnson and Carolyn Downs (Chief Executive – with Peter Gadsdon attending as her representative).

### **2. Declarations of Interest**

None.

### **3. Deputations (if any)**

None.

### **4. Minutes of the previous meeting**

**RESOLVED** to approve the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held on Tuesday 8 September 2020.

### **5. Annual Governance Statement 2020-21**

The Committee received the report from the Director of Legal, HR, Audit & Investigations setting out the draft Annual Governance Statement (AGS) for 2020/21, 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 2020/21 Annual Governance Statement for formal sign off.

The meeting closed at 19:35

Councillor Vincent Lo  
Chair