



Brent

MINUTES OF THE AUDIT AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE
Held in the Conference Hall, Brent Civic Centre on Tuesday 6 June 2023 on the
rising of the Audit & Standards Advisory Committee.

PRESENT: Councillor Chan (Chair) and Councillors S.Butt, Choudry, Kabir, Long, J.Patel and Smith.

Also Present: Councillor Mili Patel (Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Finance, Resources and Reform), David Ewart (Independent Chair of the Audit & Standards Advisory Committee), Julie Byrom (Independent Person, Audit & Standards Advisory Committee – online) & Vineeta Manchanda (Independent Advisor Audit & Standards Advisory Committee).

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

None.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest made at the meeting.

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 21 March 2023.

5. **Annual Governance Statement 2022-23**

The Committee received the report from the Corporate Director of Governance that provided the draft Annual Governance Statement (AGS) for 2022/23 as required by 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. In considering the AGS the Audit & Standards Advisory Committee had identified the following amendments to be made –

- (1) Section 4.4.5 to be amended to reflect that the Audit & Standards Advisory Committee had met on 6 rather than 5 times during 2021/22.
- (2) Section 4.4.9 to be amended to reflect those strategic risks had been presented to the Audit & Standards Advisory Committee twice rather than quarterly during 2021/22.

On the basis of the discussion and the acceptance of the comments made in relation to amending Section 4.4.5 and Section 4.4.9 at the preceding Audit & Standards Advisory Committee it was **RESOLVED** to approve the 2022/23 Annual Governance Statement for formal sign off.

The meeting closed at 7:21pm

COUNCILLOR CHAN
Chair