



Brent

MINUTES OF THE AUDIT AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Held in the Conference Hall, Brent Civic Centre on Tuesday 26 September 2023 on the rising of the Audit & Standards Advisory Committee

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

Also Present: 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).

Apologies were received from: Councillors Chan and Kabir

1. Apologies for absence and clarification of alternate members

Apologies were received from Councillors Chan and Councillor Kabir. In Councillor Chan's absence, Councillor Long was appointed as Chair for the duration of the meeting.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interests 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 6 June 2023.

5. Brent Council Statement of Accounts 2022/23

The Committee received the report from the Corporate Director of Finance & Resources providing an update on progress in finalising the Council's Statement of Accounts for 2022-23.

Following consideration of the update provided at the preceding meeting of the Audit & Standards Advisory Committee, the Committee **RESOLVED** to:

- (1) Note that the external audit on the final Statement of Accounts being undertaken by Grant Thornton was nearing completion and as such an additional meeting of the Audit & Standards Advisory Committee and Audit & Standards Committee had been scheduled for 12 October 2023 to enable final consideration and signing off, of the accounts.

- (2) Agree the delegation of approval of the draft letter of representation to Grant Thornton to the Corporate Director of Finance & Resources.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm

COUNCILLOR LONG

Chair