



Brent

MINUTES OF THE AUDIT AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE
Held in the Conference Hall, Brent Civic Centre on Wednesday 22 September 2021
on the rising of the Audit and Standards Advisory Committee

PRESENT: Councillor Lo (Chair) and Councillors Johnson, Long and Naheerathan and Councillor Akram was also present in remote attendance.

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

1. Apologies for absence and clarification of alternate members

Apologies were received from Councillors Donnelly Jackson and Kansagra.

It was noted that whilst also present, Councillor Akram would not be able to formally participate in any decisions taken during the meeting given he was in remote attendance.

2. Declarations of Interests

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 Monday 26 July 2021.

5. Statement of Accounts

The Committee received a report detailing progress in approving the Council's Statement of Accounts for 2020/21 and providing a draft Letter of Representation for consideration in advance of final sign off and Grant Thornton being able to issue a final audit opinion.

Members noted that the Statement of Accounts 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 draft Letter of

Representation to Grant Thornton and sign off of the Statement of Accounts, subject to a written assurance being provided that all outstanding matters and adjustments had been addressed and made.

The meeting closed at 8:10pm

Councillor Vincent Lo
Chair