



MINUTES OF THE AUDIT AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE
Held in the Conference Hall, Brent Civic Centre on Tuesday 7 June 2022 on
the rising of the Audit and Standards Advisory Committee

PRESENT: Councillor Chan (Chair) and Councillors S.Butt, Choudry, Kabir, Long, Jayanti 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) & Vineeta Manchanda (Independent Advisor Audit & Standards Advisory Committee).

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

None.

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 7 December 2021.

5. **Annual Governance Statement 2021-22**

The Committee received the report from the Director of Legal, HR, Audit & Investigations setting out the draft Annual Governance Statement (AGS) for 2021/22, 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.

In considering the AGS the Audit & Standards Advisory Committee had identified the need to ensure section 4.4.9 (Risk Management) of the statement was amended to reflect the frequency of monitoring the Strategic Risk Register by the Committee as half yearly rather than quarterly.

On the basis of the discussion and above comment made at the preceding Audit & Standards Advisory Committee it was **RESOLVED** to approve the 2020/21 Annual Governance Statement for formal sign off.

6. **Date of Next Meeting**

Members were advised that the date of the next and future meetings during 2022-23 were currently subject to review as a result of potential changes identified to dates for the Audit & Standards Advisory Committee. Changes would therefore need to be confirmed following consultation with the Chair, Vice-Chair and officers outside the meeting.

The meeting closed at 7.57pm

COUNCILLOR JUMBO CHAN
Chair