



MINUTES OF THE AUDIT AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE
Held in the Conference Hall, Brent Civic Centre on Thursday 12 October 2023
on the rising of the Audit & Standards Advisory Committee

PRESENT: Councillor Chan (Chair) and Councillors Choudry, Kabir, Molloy and J.Patel.

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) and Councillor Tatler (Deputy Leader, Cabinet Member for Finance, Resources & Reform and Cabinet Member for Regeneration, Planning & Growth).

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

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor S.Butt and Councillor Smith. Councillor Molloy attended as an alternate for Councillor S.Butt.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interests made at the meeting.

3. **Deputations (if any)**

None.

4. **Brent Council Statement of Accounts/Audit Findings Report 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 and the Annual Auditor's Report

Following the detailed consideration of the reports at the preceding meeting of the Audit & Standards Advisory Committee the Committee **RESOLVED** as endorsed by the Audit & Standards Advisory Committee to:

- (1) Approve the final statement of accounts 2022-23, subject to no further material changes.
- (2) Authorise the Chair of the Audit & Standards Committee to sign the final statement of accounts 2022/23, subject to receiving written assurances that there were no further material changes being required by the auditors.
- (3) Note the findings of the updated Audit Findings Report, including the additional recommendations.
- (4) Note the findings of the Value for Money report and commend it to Full Council.

- (5) Note that they are content with the increased level of audit fees as agreed with the PSAA.

The meeting closed at 7.15 pm

COUNCILLOR CHAN
Chair