



MINUTES OF THE AUDIT AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE
Held in the Conference Hall, Brent Civic Centre on Wednesday 12 June 2024
on the rising of the Audit & Standards Advisory Committee

PRESENT: Councillor Chan (Chair) and Councillors Benea, Choudry, Kabir, Long, 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), and Councillor Mili Patel (Deputy Leader & Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources).

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

None received.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interests made at the meeting.

3. **Deputations (if any)**

None.

4. **Annual Governance Statement 2023-24**

The Committee received a report from the Corporate Director of Law and Governance that provided the draft Annual Governance Statement (AGS) for 2023-24 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 given the focus at the meeting on action to improve the level and rate of audit actions being implemented within original timescales as part of the Internal Audit Plan Annual Report:

- (1) Inclusion of the following additional improvement action for 2023-24 within Table 1 of the Annual Governance Statement:

“To improve the level and rate of audit actions implemented within original timescales.”

On the basis of the discussion at the preceding Audit & Standards Advisory Committee it was therefore **RESOLVED** to approve the 2023-24 Annual Governance Statement for formal sign off, subject to inclusion of the following additional improvement action within Table 1 of the Annual Governance Statement:

“To improve the level and rate of audit actions implemented within original timescales.”

The meeting closed at 7.30pm

COUNCILLOR JUMBO CHAN
Chair