



**MINUTES OF THE AUDIT AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE**  
**Wednesday 24 April 2019 at 6.19pm**  
**(on the rising of the Audit & Standards Advisory Committee)**

PRESENT: Councillor A Choudry (Chair) and Councillors Naheerathan, Nerva and Long.

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

An apology for absence was received from Councillor Donnelly-Jackson (with Councillor Long attending as a substitute).

2. **Declaration of Interests**

None received.

3. **Deputations (if any)**

There were no deputations.

4. **Minutes of the previous meeting**

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Audit and Standards Committee held on Wednesday 20 March 2019 be approved as an accurate record.

5. **Annual Governance Statement**

The Committee received the report from the Chief Finance Officer setting out the draft Annual Governance Statement (AGS) for 2018/19, 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.

On the basis of the discussion at the Audit & Standards Advisory Committee it was **RESOLVED** to approve the 2018/19 Annual Governance Statement for formal sign off, subject to the inclusion (as requested by the Audit & Standards Advisory Committee) of specific reference to the governance arrangements and control mechanisms in place in relation to the company structure established by the Council.

The meeting closed at 6.20 pm

COUNCILLOR A.CHOUDRY  
Chair