

CHRISTCHURCH AND EAST DORSET COUNCILS

JOINT AUDIT COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Meeting held on 20 March 2019 at 6.30 pm

Present:-

Cllr K D Johnson – Chairman
Cllr D C Jones – Vice-Chairman

Present: Cllr Mrs J Abbott, Cllr Mrs D Jones, Cllr P R Harrison and
Cllr D W Shortell

Apologies: Cllr F Neale, Cllr S Bartlett and Cllr Mrs G Logan

28. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest received on this occasion.

29. Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 29 November 2018 were agreed and signed as accurate record.

Voting: Unanimous

30. CBC External Audit Plan

The Strategic Director submitted a report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'A' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

Members were presented with the External Audit Plan for the 2018/19 Accounts for CBC, by Sam Harding from Grant Thornton.

It was confirmed that Christchurch Town Council will have different audit arrangements with a lighter touch approach.

Members expressed their thanks for the work carried out by Grant Thornton.

RESOLVED that Members noted the report.

Voting: Nem. Con

31. EDDC External Audit Plan

The Strategic Director submitted a report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'B' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

Members were presented with the External Audit Plan for the 2018/19 Accounts for EDDC from Deloitte.

Members were asked if they were aware of any potential or actual frauds, in relation to the Council. Members confirmed that they were not aware of any.

RESOLVED that Members noted the report

Voting: Nem. Con

32. Treasury Management Q3

The Strategic Director submitted a report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'C' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

Members were informed of the Councils' Treasury Management operations for Christchurch and East Dorset from October to December 2018.

RESOLVED that the Treasury Management Q3 report be noted.

Voting: Nem. Con

33. Progress made against high priority audit recommendations and audit plan progress 18/19

The Internal Audit Manager submitted a report, a copy of which had been circulated to each Member and a copy of which appears as Appendix 'D' to these Minutes in the Minute Book.

Members received an update on the progress made against high priority audit recommendations and the progress made in delivering the 18/19 audit plan.

Members were advised that any issues identified as draft in the report, should all be completed by the end of March 2019.

RESOLVED that:

(a) The Committee noted the progress made against high priority audit recommendations; and

(b) The committee noted the progress made in delivering the 18/19 audit plan.

Voting: Nem. Con

Members placed their thanks on record to all officers who had worked with this Committee and to Councillor KD Johnson for Chairing the Committee.

The meeting ended at 6.55 pm

CHAIRMAN