

Minute

Monitoring and Audit Committee

Wednesday, 28 August 2024, 11:00.

Council Chamber, Council Offices, School Place, Kirkwall.



Present

Councillors P Lindsay Hall, Gillian Skuse, Stephen G Clackson, W Leslie Manson, James R Moar and John A R Scott.

Present via remote link (Microsoft Teams)

Councillor Mellissa-Louise Thomson.

Clerk

- Sandra Craigie, Committees Officer.

In Attendance

- Karen Greaves, Corporate Director for Strategy, Performance and Business Solutions.
- Hayley Green, Corporate Director for Neighbourhood Services and Infrastructure.
- Gareth Waterson, Corporate Director for Enterprise and Sustainable Regeneration.
- James Wylie, Corporate Director for Education, Leisure and Housing.
- Andrew Groundwater, Head of Human Resources and Organisational Development.
- Erik Knight, Head of Finance.
- Gavin Mitchell, Head of Legal and Governance.
- Andrew Paterson, Chief Internal Auditor.

Observing

- Hanna Gray, Trainee Internal Auditor.
- Karl Moar, Trainee Internal Auditor.
- Maya Tams-Gray, Committees Officer.

Declarations of Interest

- No declarations of interest were intimated.

Chair

- Councillor P Lindsay Hall.

1. Internal Audit Annual Report and Opinion

After consideration of a report by the Chief Internal Auditor, copies of which had been circulated, the Committee:

Scrutinised the Internal Audit Annual Report and Opinion for 2023/24, attached as Appendix 1 to the report by the Chief Internal Auditor, and obtained assurance in respect of the Chief Internal Auditor's overall opinion, namely that, based on the internal audit work performed in 2023/24, the Council had a framework of controls in place that provided adequate assurance regarding the organisation's governance framework, internal controls and the management of key risks.

2. Draft Annual Accounts

After consideration of a report by the Corporate Director for Enterprise and Sustainable Regeneration, copies of which had been circulated, and after hearing a report from the Head of Finance, the Committee:

Resolved, in terms of delegated powers, that the draft Annual Accounts for financial year 2023/24, incorporating the Annual Governance Statement at pages 22 to 34, attached as Appendix 1 to the report by the Corporate Director for Enterprise and Sustainable Regeneration, be approved.

3. Conclusion of Meeting

At 11:38 the Chair declared the meeting concluded.

Signed: Councillor P Lindsay Hall.