



MINUTES OF MEETING of the AUDIT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE held via VIDEO CONFERENCE (MS TEAMS) on THURSDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2023 at 9.30 AM.

PRESENT

Councillor Kenneth Earle (Chair)
Councillor Denis Coyne (Vice Chair)
Councillor Martha Benny
Councillor Ellen Forson
Councillor William Keogh
Councillor Kathleen Martin (S)
Councillor Jane McTaggart (S)
Councillor Bryan Quinn

Religious Representative:

Mr George Marcinkiewicz, representing the Catholic Church (Via Teams)

IN ATTENDANCE

Stuart Crickmar, Strategic Director (Partnership and Performance)
Lorraine Sanda, Strategic Director (People)
Pete Leonard, Strategic Director (Place)
Lindsay Sim, Chief Finance Officer (Partnership & Performance)
Chris Alliston, Senior Manager, HR & Workforce Development (Partnership & Performance)
Colin Bruce, Chief Education Officer (People)
Sharon Robertson, Chief Social Work Officer (People)
Gillian Scott, Senior Manager, Early Intervention (People)
Johan Roddie, Senior Manager, Permanence (People)
Isabel Wright, Internal Audit Manager (Partnership and Performance)
Ewan Murray, Chief Finance Officer, Clackmannanshire & Stirling Health and Social Care Partnership
Margaret Lewis, Senior Manager (Care & Protection) (People)
Murray Sharp, Senior Manager (Housing) (Place)
Elizabeth Hutcheon, Management Accountancy Team Leader
Judi Richardson, Performance & Information Adviser (Partnership & Performance)
Lee Robertson, Senior Manager, Legal and Governance (Partnership & Performance) (Clerk to the Committee)
Melanie Moore, Committee Services, Legal and Governance (Partnership & Performance)

AS(23)01 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Janine Rennie and Councillor Phil Fairlie. Councillor Jane McTaggart was in attendance today as substitute for Councillor Phil Fairlie and Councillor Kathleen Martin was in attendance as substitute for Councillor Janine Rennie.

AS(23)02 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

AS(23)03 MINUTE OF AUDIT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE HELD ON 15 DECEMBER 2022

The minutes of the meeting of the Audit and Scrutiny Committee held on Thursday 15 December 2022 were submitted for approval.

Decision

The minutes of the meeting of the Audit and Scrutiny Committee held on Thursday 15 December 2022 were agreed as a correct record by the Committee.

AS(23)04 PEOPLE BUSINESS PLAN – INTERIM UPDATE DECEMBER 2022

The report, submitted by the Education Senior Manger, provided an interim update on the progress across the 2022-23 People Business Plan.

Motion

That Committee agrees the recommendation set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Denis Coyne. Seconded by Councillor William Keogh.

Decision

Having challenged and commented on the report, the Committee agreed to note the contents of the report.

AS(23)05 CLACKMANNANSHIRE AND STIRLING HSCP ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REPORT 2021-22

The report, submitted by Clackmannanshire and Stirling Health and Social Care Partnership, provided an overview of performance in planning and carrying out integrated functions and is produced for the benefit of partnerships and their communities. The required content of the performance reports is set out in The Public Bodies (Joint Working) (Content of Performance Reports) (Scotland) Regulations 2014.

Councillor Forson asked why others from the partnership were not in attendance today to answer all the questions from Committee on the report which had a lot of information. Stuart Crickmar advised that the right people should be at Committee to answer questions from Members. He would sort this out for future meetings. Councillor Forson and Councillor Earle will write a letter to the Chair of the IJB regarding the Committee's concerns.

Motion

That the Committee agrees the recommendation as set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Martha Benny. Seconded by Councillor Denis Coyne.

Decision

Having challenged and commented on the report, the Committee agreed to note that the report was published on the Health and Social Care Partnership's website before the end of November 2022.

AS(23)06 INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT

The report, submitted by the Internal Audit Manager, provided an update on 2022/23 Internal Audit work.

Motion

That Committee agrees the recommendation set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Denis Coyne. Seconded by Councillor Martha Benny.

Decision

The Committee agreed to note the progress being made with completing the 2022/23 Internal Audit Plan report.

AS(23)07 EXCEPTIONS FROM THE APPLICATION OF CONTRACT STANDING ORDERS

It is a requirement of Contract Standing Orders that exceptions should be reported to the next available Audit Committee. The purpose of the paper submitted by the Strategic Director, Partnership and Performance is to provide detail on Exceptions to Contract Standing Orders submitted in the previous quarter.

Motion

That the Committee agrees the recommendation as set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Ellen Forson. Seconded by Councillor Martha Benny.

Decision

Having challenged and commented on the report, the Committee agreed to note the report.

AS(23)08 CORPORATE RISK REGISTER

The report, submitted by the Strategic Director, Partnership and Performance, provided the Committee with the 2022/23 quarter 3 update on Clackmannanshire Council's Risk Register (Appendix A).

Motion

That Committee agrees the recommendation set out in the report.

Moved by Councillor Bryan Quinn. Seconded by William Keogh.

Decision

Having commented and challenged the report, the Committee agreed to note the report as appropriate.

Ends 1125 hrs

