

CORPORATE AFFAIRS AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Corporate Affairs and Audit Committee was held on Friday 10 March 2023.

PRESENT: Councillors B Hubbard (Chair), C Hobson, T Mawston, D Rooney and M Storey

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: VIRTUAL ATTENDANCE: M Rutter (External Auditor) (Ernst Young)

OFFICERS: C Benjamin, N Finnegan and S Lightwing

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: were submitted on behalf of Councillors J Platt and T Higgins

22/57 **WELCOME AND EVACUATION PROCEDURE**

The Chair welcomed all present to the meeting and read out the Building Evacuation Procedure.

22/58 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Name of Member	Type of Interest	Item/Nature of Interest
Councillor C Hobson	Non pecuniary	Agenda Item 7
Councillor B Hubbard	Non pecuniary	Agenda Item 7
Councillor G Wilson	Non pecuniary	Agenda Item 7

Councillors C Hobson, B Hubbard and G Wilson left the room at this point in proceedings and took no further part in the meeting.

22/59 **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR**

Due to the Chair withdrawing from the meeting, the Monitoring Officer asked for nominations for a Chair for the meeting.

Councillor D Rooney was nominated for the position of Chair.

On a vote being taken, it was **ORDERED** that Councillor D Rooney was appointed as Chair for the meeting.

22/60 **MINUTES - CORPORATE AFFAIRS AND AUDIT COMMITTEE - 16 FEBRUARY 2023**

The minutes of the Corporate Affairs meeting held on 16 February 2023 were submitted and approved as a correct record.

22/61 **ANY OTHER URGENT ITEMS WHICH IN THE OPINION OF THE CHAIR, MAY BE CONSIDERED**

None.

22/62 **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

ORDERED that the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items on the grounds that, if present, there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1, 2 and 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

22/63 **TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT**

A report of the Director of Legal and Governance Services (Monitoring Officer) was presented to seek the Committee's approval for a settlement agreement.

ORDERED as follows:

1. The settlement agreement as set out in Appendix 1 to the submitted report was approved.
2. Responsibility for finalising the settlement agreement was delegated to the Council's Monitoring Officer.