

## **Report of the Chairman on the work of the Audit Committee**

The Audit Committee held a meeting on 1 November 2018 and considered the following items of business.

### **1. Election of Vice-Chairman of Audit Committee**

- 1.1 Councillor Thomson was appointed Vice-Chairman of the Audit Committee for the remainder of the municipal year.

### **2. Corporate Risk Management**

- 2.1 The Committee noted the contents of the Corporate Risk Register and recommended it to Cabinet for approval.

### **3. Brexit**

- 3.1 The Committee noted the information provided on Brexit and will receive an update at the next meeting in order to continue assessing any associated risks.

### **4. External Audit matters**

- 4.1 The Committee received an update on areas that the outgoing external auditors were finalising. Leigh Lloyd-Thomas of BDO LLP, the current auditors, outlined the areas where they could commence work prior to finalisation of the previous auditors' work.

### **5. SBC Property/Relationship with External Auditor**

- 5.1 Terry Collier, Deputy Chief Executive, outlined the commercial relationship between the external auditors, BDO LLP, and the Council following the acquisition of Thames Tower, Reading. The Committee considered the relationship and agreed that it did not compromise the independence of the auditor.

### **6. Report on the effectiveness of the system of Internal Audit**

- 6.1 The Committee noted the report on the effectiveness of the system of internal audit.

### **7. Interim Internal Audit Report**

- 7.1 The Committee noted the report which summarised the work undertaken by internal audit in the period April to September 2018.

### **8. Committee Work Programme**

- 8.1 The Committee Work Programme for 2018-19 was approved subject to the addition of updates for Recruitment and Retention, Procurement and Brexit being provided at their next meeting in March 2019.

**Councillor M.J. Madams**

*Chairman of the Audit Committee*

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