

**Minutes of the Audit Committee
2 November 2023**

Present:

Councillor J. Button (Chair)
Councillor K. Howkins (Vice-Chair)

Councillors:

M. Arnold

L. E. Nichols

P. Briggs

Apologies: Councillors S. Bhadye

In Attendance: Councillors C. Bateson and M. Beecher

27/23 Apologies and Substitutes

Apologies were received from Councillor Bhadye.

Councillor Bing Dong attended the meeting remotely. She was able to take part in the debate, but was not allowed to vote.

28/23 Disclosures of Interest

There were none.

29/23 Exclusion of Public and Press

It was proposed by Councillor Howkins, seconded by Councillor Nichols and **resolved** that the public and press be excluding during consideration of the following item, in accordance with paragraph 3 of schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) because it was likely to disclose information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) and in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information because, disclosure to the public would prejudice the financial position of the authority in being able to undertake even-handed negotiations and finalizing acceptable contract terms.

30/23 Future Resourcing of the Internal Audit Service

The Committee considered a report from the Group Head – Corporate Governance on the future resourcing of the internal audit service.

The Committee **resolved** to approve the recommendations as set out in the report.

Meeting ended at 20:02