

COUNCIL MEETING – 27 FEBRUARY 2024

PROPOSED TERMS OF REFERENCE – AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDATION

That Council adopt the Audit and Governance Committee Terms of Reference.

Extract from the Minutes of the Audit and Governance Committee meeting on 7 December 2023

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The Committee considered the report and revised Terms of Reference for the Audit and Governance Committee, as considered and prepared by the Audit and Governance Terms of Reference Working Group.

The Committee reflected on the proposals arising from the recent Corporate Policy Committee to Full Council on 13 December 2023, relating to the merging of the Scrutiny Committee functions into the functions of the Audit and Governance Committee. The Committee agreed that further assessment and consideration of the proposals was needed. It was therefore proposed, seconded and subsequently carried that the Committee formally recommended that Council defers the decision.

RESOLVED:

That the Audit and Governance Committee

1. Recommend to Full Council the adoption of the Audit and Governance Committee Terms of Reference (Appendix 2).
2. Request that Full Council note the Committee's concerns and defer the decision relating to the proposals recommended by the Corporate Policy Committee to merge the functions of the Audit and Governance and Scrutiny Committees, which is contrary to advice from CIPFA and the Centre for Governance and Scrutiny. The Audit and Governance Committee request that the decision of Full Council relating to the merger of the functions of the Scrutiny Committee into the Audit and Governance Committee be deferred to allow further consideration to be given as to the impact, risks, efficacy and value for money of merging the functions of the Committees, with a report back to the Audit and Governance Committee to consider the proposal further.