

NEWRY MOURNE AND DOWN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of Special Audit Committee Meeting held on Monday 07 December 2020 at 2.00pm via Microsoft Teams.

Chairperson: Ms B Slevin Independent Chairperson

In attendance: **(Committee Members)**

Councillor P Byrne
Councillor C Casey
Councillor L Devlin
Councillor O Hanlon
Councillor A Lewis
Councillor D Murphy
Councillor G Sharvin

(Non Committee Members)

Councillor A Finnegan

Officials in attendance: Ms M Ward, Chief Executive
Ms D Carville, Director of Corporate Services
Mr M Lipsett, Director of Active & Healthy Communities
Mr C Mallon, Director of Enterprise, Regeneration & Tourism
Ms K Bingham, Head of Performance & Improvement
Mr K Montgomery Assistant Director of Corporate Services (Finance)
Ms B Phillips Finance Manager
Ms S Taggart, Democratic Services Manager
Ms L Dillon, Democratic Services Officer

Also in attendance: Ms C Hagan, ASM
Mr B O'Neill, NIAO
Ms D McKim, NIAO

AC/075/2020: APOLOGIES AND CHAIRPERSON'S REMARKS

The following apology was received:

Councillor M Gibbons
Councillor C Enright

AC/076/2020: DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest received.

EXEMPT INFORMATION ITEMS

Items restricted in accordance with Part 3 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Casey, seconded by Councillor Sharvin, it was agreed to exclude the public and press from the meeting during discussion on this matter which related to exempt information by virtue of Part 3 of Schedule 6 of the Local Government Act (Northern Ireland) 2014 – Information relating to the financial or business affairs of a particular person (including the Council holding that information) and the public may, by resolution, be excluded during these items of business.

**AC/077/2020: STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2019-2020
(FOR YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020)**

Read: Newry Mourne and Down District Council Statement of Accounts for year ended 31 March 2020.
(Copy circulated)

**AC/078/2202: NIAO
(DRAFT) REPORT TO THOSE CHARGED WITH
GOVERNANCE**

Read: NIAO Draft Report to Those Charged With Governance (RTTCWG). **(Copy circulated)**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Sharvin seconded by Councillor Devlin it was agreed to come out of closed session.

When the Committee came out of closed session the Chairperson reported the following decisions were taken:

**AC/077/2020: Statement of Accounts 2019-2020
(For Year Ended 31 March 2020)**

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Casey seconded by Councillor Byrne it was agreed to note the status of the audit of the Statement of Accounts 2019-20 and approve the

audited accounts, including the Annual Governance Statement, for signing by the Chairperson of Council and Chief Executive.

AC/078/2020: NIAO Draft Report to Those Charged With Governance

Agreed: On the proposal of Councillor Casey seconded by Councillor Byrne it was agreed to note the contents of the NIAO (Draft) Report to those Charged with Governance 2019-2020 and accept management's rationale for not adjusting the misstatement identified in the report.

Noted: Councillor Byrne asked to record his thanks to senior management and Ms D Carville Director of Corporate Services for the work done during the Covid 19 pandemic and for keeping information supplied to Councillors throughout this period.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 2.40pm.

For consideration at the Council Meeting to be held on Monday 04 January 2021.

Signed: Ms D Carville
Director Corporate Services

Signed: Ms B Slevin
Independent Chairperson