

STANDARDS AND AUDIT COMMITTEE**Wednesday, 27th October, 2021**

Present:-

Councillor Rayner (Chair)

Councillors Brady
KellmanCouncillors T Murphy
Snowdon

*Matters dealt with under the Delegation Scheme

**20 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' AND OFFICERS' INTERESTS
RELATING TO ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

No declarations of interest were received.

21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Kate Caulfield and Councillor Peter Cawthorne.

22 MINUTES**RESOLVED –**

That the Minutes of the meeting of the Standards and Audit Committee held on 29 September, 2021 be approved as a true record and be signed by the Chair.

23 AUDIT REPORT ON THE 2020/21 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

The Service Director – Finance submitted a report on the Statement of Accounts for 2020/21, the 'Letter of Representation' and the External Auditor's 'Report to those Charged with Governance'.

The Statement of Accounts was attached to the officer's report at Annexe 1 and included the Movement in Reserves Statement, the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement, the Balance Sheet, the Cash Flow

Statement, the Housing Revenue Account Income and Expenditure Statement, the Collection Fund and the Annual Governance Statement.

The external auditors were required to 'communicate audit matters to those charged with governance', i.e. the Standards and Audit Committee, and a copy of the external auditor's report was attached to the officer's report at Annexe 2. Mr Michael Norman of Mazars attended the meeting to present the External Auditor's 'Report to those Charged with Governance'.

The external auditors were required to obtain written representations from management in respect of fraud, compliance with laws and regulations, contingent liabilities, related party disclosure and post balance sheet events in the form of a 'Letter of Representation'. The letter was attached to the officer's report at Annexe 3.

The Committee expressed their great thanks to the finance team for all the work they had done during the year.

***RESOLVED –**

1. That the Statement of Accounts for 2020/21 be approved.
2. That the Report to those Charged with Governance be noted.
3. That the management Letter of Representation be approved and be signed by the Chair.
4. That the best thanks of the Committee be passed to the finance team for the work they have done during the year.