



# MINUTES

## Audit and Standards Committee

<b>Date:</b>	Thursday, 14 January 2021
<b>Venue:</b>	Remote meeting via Zoom
<b>Committee Members Present:</b>	Councillor John Singleton JP (Chairman) Councillor Ellie Gaunt (Vice-Chairman)  Councillors Paula Brearley, Delma Collins, Brian Gill, Kiran Mulholland, Ed Nash and Sally Nash-Walker.
<b>Other Councillors Present:</b>	Councillor Karen Buckley – Leader of the Council
<b>Officers Present:</b>	Tracy Manning, Ian Curtis, Dawn Highton and Katharine McDonnell

### 1. Declarations of Interest

Members were reminded that any disclosable pecuniary interests should be declared as required by the Localism Act 2011 and any personal or prejudicial interests should be declared as required by the Council's Code of Conduct for Members. No interests were declared on this occasion.

### 2. Confirmation of Minutes

RESOLVED: To approve the minutes of the Audit and Standards Committee meeting held on 26 November 2020 as a correct record for signature by the Chairman.

### 3. Substitute Members

There were no substitutions on this occasion.

### Standards Information Item

### 4. Issues Raised with the Monitoring Officer

The Committee received information regarding the number of standards related complaints received by the Monitoring Officer for the period July 2020 to December 2020. None of the complaints had gone forward to investigation.

### Audit Decision Items

### 5. Fighting Fraud and Corruption Locally 2020

Dawn Highton, Head of Internal Audit, advised that Fighting Fraud and Corruption Locally 2020 was a strategy produced by local government for local government. The checklist, contained within the strategy, enabled local authorities to conduct a self-assessment of their arrangements to ensure their arrangements operated in accordance with best practice.

Mrs Highton reported that the annual review of Fylde's arrangements had been conducted and no areas of non-compliance had been identified.

It was RESOLVED to note the report.

On the conclusion of this item, the Chairman advised that the Head of Internal Audit, Dawn Highton, was leaving the authority for pastures new. On behalf of the committee, he thanked Dawn for all her hard work.

#### Audit Information Items

The following information item was received by the committee.

#### 6. Regulation of Investigation Powers Act 2000 - Authorisations

The Committee received the quarterly review of the use, by the council, of covert surveillance and covert human intelligence. It was advised in the quarter to December 2020 there had been no authorised operations.

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