

## **Stanway**Parish Council

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## 21/1 Minutes of the Internal Audit Committee held on June 15<sup>th</sup> 2021.

Present: Cllrs Spademan, Baines and Jordan, the Clerk and the RFO.

- 1. Election of Chair and Chair's welcome Cllr Baines was elected as Chair and welcomed all to the meeting
- 2. Apologies for Absence NONE
- 3. Declaration of Interests NONE

To allow Councillors to declare either a Disclosable Pecuniary, Other Pecuniary or Registerable Non-Pecuniary interest on any matter covered by this Agenda. Members are reminded that, when considering any item, if it becomes clear they have an interest, they must declare it.

## 4. Public Participation - NONE

The Chairman to invite members of the public to indicate if they wish to speak at this meeting – either on an item on the agenda or on a general matter. Public questions are invited prior to the start of the meeting for a maximum of 10 minutes and limited to 3 minutes per person at the discretion of the Chairman.

**Recording of Meetings:** Should anyone wish to record a Committee or Council Meeting, the Clerk must be informed prior to the start of the meeting in order that the Council can comply with General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR).

- **5.** To **APPROVE** the Minutes of the previous Internal Audit Committee Meeting (unless already signed). **APPROVED** the minutes of the meeting held on January 19<sup>th</sup> 2021.
- 6. To REVIEW progress on the action items/recommendations outstanding from previous Internal Audit reports. The RFO spoke to the series of recommendations/comments from the Internal and External Auditors over the last two years, discussing the many that had been dealt with. It was AGREED to produce a 'Traffic-light' report highlighting any items still outstanding, as well as those arising from the most recent Internal Audit report, to identify necessary actions and record progress towards resolving them.
- 7. To revisit the last two Annual Reviews of the effectiveness of the Parish Council's system of internal control and CONSIDER the recommendations therein. It was AGREED that a similar process as described in Item 6 would be initiated to deal with any outstanding recommendations from the IA Reviews.
- **8.** To **DECIDE** on the Internal Audit plan for FY 2021/2022. It was **AGREED** that the following matters should form part of the Audit Plan for the coming year:
  - 1. Review of outstanding recommendations per Items 6 and 7 above.
  - 2. Review of Health and Safety Policies as updated/created by the Corporate Governance Committee.
  - 3. Recommendations/advice on reasonable requirements for Health & Safety, Training within the Risk Management Framework.
- **9. AGREED** the date of the next meeting to be **Tuesday**, **21**<sup>st</sup> **September 2021 at 7.45 pm**. (Interim meetings may be called as and when required, per the Council's Standing Orders).

## The Chair closed the meeting at 9.15 pm

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