

Minutes

Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee

10.00am, Tuesday 14 June 2022

Present

Councillor Campbell, Councillor Dixon, Councillor Faccenda, Councillor Griffiths (substituting for Councillor Jenkinson), Councillor Miller, Councillor Mowat, Councillor Nicolson, Councillor Parker, Councillor Neil Ross (substituting for Councillor Thornley), Councillor Whyte (substituting for Councillor Rust), and Councillor Younie.

1. Appointment of Convener

In the absence of a Convener being appointed by the City of Edinburgh Council, Councillor Kate Campbell was appointed to chair this meeting of the Committee.

2. Minutes

Decision

To approve the minute of the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee of 8 March 2022 as a correct record.

3. Outstanding Actions

Details were provided of the Outstanding Actions arising from decisions taken by the Committee.

Decision

- 1) To agree to close the following actions:
 - Action 11 (1&2) – Internal Audit: Overdue Findings and Key Performance Indicators as at 26 January 2022
 - Action 12 (1&2) – Internal Audit: Internal Audit Charter Annual Update
 - Action 14 (1&2) – Collaborative Working with Community Councils
 - Action 17 (1&2) – Whistleblowing Major Investigation Outcome Report (Edinburgh Secure Services) (private report)

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- 2) To note that a review of the Outstanding Actions was needed, due to information being incorrect including expected completion dates.
- 3) To note that once the review had taken place, an updated version of the Outstanding Actions would be circulated to members.
- 4) To otherwise note the remaining outstanding actions.

(Reference – Outstanding Actions June 2022, submitted.)

4. Work Programme

The Work Programme for 14 June 2022 was presented.

Decision

- 1) To note that quarterly reports that were due in June would be reported Committee in August.
- 2) To otherwise note the Work Programme.

(Reference – Work Programme June 2022, submitted.)

5. Business Bulletin

The Committee Business Bulletin for 14 June 2022 was presented.

Decision

- 1) To note that members of the committee would discuss with the Corporate Governance Manager the presentation format of the Best Value Assurance Audit Status Update in the Business Bulletin and in the GRBV Teams Channel.
- 2) To note that the Interim Executive Director of Corporate Services would circulate the Budget template to all members and that discussion with political groups would follow on submitting budget proposals.
- 3) To request that a note be circulated to Committee summarising the closure of outstanding Internal Audit actions.
- 4) To otherwise note the Business Bulletin.

(Reference – Business Bulletin June 2022, submitted.)

6. Whistleblowing update

Details were provided on an overview of the operation of the Council's whistleblowing service for the quarter 1 January – 31 March 2022.

Decision

To note the report.

(Reference – report by the Chief Executive, submitted.)

7. Whistleblowing Monitoring Report

The Committee in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, excluded the public from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business for the reason that it involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1, 12 and 15 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

Details were provided on a high-level overview of the operation of the Council's whistleblowing service for the quarter 1 January – 31 March 2022.

Decision

- 1) To approve the report recommendations.
- 2) To agree that a Whistleblowing workshop would be arranged for members.

(Reference – report by the Chief Executive, submitted.)

8. Whistleblowing - Major Investigation Outcome Report

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A major investigation outcome report in relation to Housing Property Services was submitted to the Committee for consideration.

Decision

To agree to continue the report.

(Reference – report by the Service Director – Legal & Assurance and Council Monitoring Officer, submitted.)

9. Whistleblowing - Major Investigation Outcome Report

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A major investigation outcome report in relation to Offender Management was submitted to the Committee for consideration.

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- 1) To note the report.
- 2) To close the investigation.

(Reference – report by the Service Director – Legal & Assurance and Council Monitoring Officer, submitted.)