

# Amendment by the SNP Group

## Governance Risk and Best Value Committee

14 March 2023

### Item 8.1 – 2023/24 Internal Audit Annual Plan

Notes the budget process for 2023/24 was particularly challenging for the council.

Notes complaints from residents, councillors and stakeholders which included concerns over a lack of information, and information being provided very late in the process.

Notes that, unlike in previous years, there was no residents' consultation and the full suite of budget proposals were not published anywhere ahead of the papers being published for the Finance and Resources Committee meeting held on the 7<sup>th</sup> February.

Agrees that this was not a good model for budget setting, transparency or the reputation of the council.

Agrees that there will be an internal audit undertaken to review the budget process and make best practice recommendations for future years.

Agrees that this audit should be prioritised to be carried out in the first half of the year so that management actions can be completed ahead of next year's budget process.

Therefore agrees to amend 1.1 to

1.1 The Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee is requested to review and approve 2023/24 Internal Audit Annual Plan with the addition of an audit of the budget setting process added to the priority audits plan.

Moved by **Councillor Kate Campbell**

Seconded by **Councillor**

# Addendum by the Green Group

## Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee

14 March 2023

### Item 8.15 – Drumbrae Care Home – status report

1.2 Committee additionally notes that the terms of the motions agreed at meetings of full council have not been fulfilled by this report (unfulfilled clauses noted below for ease of reference) and calls for a complete report to the next meeting of this committee

Full council decision 15 December 2022:

4) To call for a report to the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee into the Council's actions leading up to the closure and post closure, in particular actions to move forward with the lease to NHS Lothian or identify and resolve any problems, **in order to identify any potential lessons learned.**

Full council decision 9 February 2023:

6) To note the fire safety compliance issues at Drumbrae Care Home were not notified to members when they were identified in June 2022, **to note that the report did not indicate whether the issues were identified before or after the Committee decision on 7th June, and to request that officers include and comment on the timeline of decision making in the report to the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee which Council instructed in December 2022.**

7) To note that, as stated in the report, NHS Lothian advised in October 2022 it was unable to deliver the direction set by the Board, **but the report was silent on who was advised and that this communication did not result in either the Board or the Finance and Resources Committee being informed or asked to update their direction or decisions, and to**

**request that this too is analysed in the report to the Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee.**

**Moved by: Councillor Miller**  
**Seconded by: Councillor Bandel**

# Addendum by the Administration

## Governance, Risk and Best Value Committee

14 March 2023

### Emergency Motion by Councillor Campbell – Budget Process

Adds:

Agrees that this audit must review the existing budget timescale and include best practice recommendations for a budget process that allows council officers sufficient time to verify the lawful competency of budget proposals.

Moved by Councillor Jenkinson

Seconded by Councillor Faccenda