

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BABERGH AUDIT COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL OFFICES, CORKS LANE, HADLEIGH ON TUESDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2013

PRESENT: Mr D M Busby – Chairman

Mr J R Cartlidge  
Mr C A Roberts

Mr L H Young

The following Members were unable to be present:-

Mr P D Burgoyne, Miss D L Kendall, Mr B Riley and Mr D C Rose.

1 SUBSTITUTES

There were no substitutes present.

2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None declared.

3 PETITIONS

None received.

4 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

None received.

5 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2012/13 AND AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Corporate Manager – Finance introduced [Paper N59](#), asking Members to recommend Council to approve the Accounts and the Auditor's report, after due consideration by the Committee. Members were aware that in future years, it was intended that the Audit Committee's terms of reference would include responsibility for approving the Accounts.

A revised copy of the Auditor's report was circulated at the meeting, together with a list of minor amendments to the Statement of Accounts, as identified to date.

Richard Bint and Zoe Thompson from the External Auditors (BDO) were present at the meeting and took Members through the key aspects of their report (Appendix A to Paper N59) and, together with the Corporate Manager, responded to Members' questions on Appendix A and the Statement of Accounts (Appendix B to Paper N59).

In reviewing the Accounts, Members raised a number of points and it was agreed that some re-wording of the text as appropriate would be helpful, to clarify the following;

- Shared staff costs in 2012/13 compared to 2011/12
- Integration savings of £1.3m per annum achieved to date

**RESOLVED**

**That the contents of the External Auditor's report for 2012/13 be noted.**

**RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL**

**That the Statement of Accounts and the Auditor's report appended to Paper N59, amended as referred to above, be approved.**

At this point the Auditors were thanked by the Chairman, and left the meeting.

6 MINUTES

**RESOLVED**

**That the Minutes of the meeting held on [1 July 2013](#) be confirmed and signed as a correct record**

The business of the meeting was concluded at 17.10 p.m.

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Chairman