

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BABERGH AUDIT COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL OFFICES, CORKS LANE, HADLEIGH ON MONDAY 17 MARCH 2014

PRESENT: Mr D M Busby – Chairman

Mr J R Cartlidge
Mr B Riley

Mr C A Roberts
Mr D C Rose

The following Members were unable to be present:-

Mr P D Burgoyne, Miss D L Kendall and Mr L H Young.

1 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None declared.

2 MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 23 January 2014 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

3 PETITIONS

None received.

4 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

None received.

5 EXTERNAL AUDIT REPORTS

The external auditor's (BDO) Grant Claims and Returns Certification for the year ended March 2013 (Paper N118), Audit Plan for 2013/14 (Paper N119) and Planning Letter for 2014/15 (Paper N120) were submitted for consideration by the Committee.

Ms Zoe Thompson from BDO was in attendance at the meeting to present the reports and to answer questions from Members.

The Corporate Manager – Financial Services reported that, in relation to the Grant Claims and Returns Certification, although issues have arisen mainly on the Housing and Council Tax Benefits claim, this is a very large and complex area, with the overall value of this claim being in excess of £25m and Members noted that the audit fees are less than the previous year.

During the course of the discussion Members requested that a report on the progress of the Shared Revenues Partnership be submitted to the next meeting of the Committee.

In considering the Planning Letter, Members noted that the Audit Commission has now served notice on BDO regarding the current contract which is due to expire on 31 March 2016 and that Babergh will be consulted regarding the tender process in April.

RESOLVED

- (1) That the external auditor's Grant Claims and Returns Certification for the year ended March 2013 ([Paper N118](#)), Audit Plan for 2013/14 ([Paper N119](#)) and Planning Letter for 2014/15 ([Paper N120](#)) be noted.**
- (2) That a report on progress in relation to the Shared Revenues Partnership be submitted to the September meeting of the Committee.**

The business of the meeting was concluded at 10.15 a.m.

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Chairman