

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE BABERGH AUDIT COMMITTEE HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL OFFICES, CORKS LANE, HADLEIGH ON TUESDAY 14 APRIL 2015

PRESENT: Dave Busby – Chairman

Tony Roberts
David Rose

Len Young

The following Members were unable to be present:-

James Cartlidge, Frank Lawrenson, Robert Lindsay and Brian Riley.

1 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None declared.

2 MINUTES

RESOLVED

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 23 September 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 2014 (Paper P124) and Audit Plan for 2014/15 (Paper P125) were submitted for consideration by the Committee together with the Audit Fee Letter for 2015/16 (P126) from Ernst and Young.

Ms Zoe Thompson from BDO was in attendance at the meeting to present Papers P124 and P125 and to answer questions from Members.

Members noted that this is the final year that BDO will be carrying out external audit work for Babergh and that from 2015/16 this work will be carried out by Ernst and Young LLP.

During the course of the discussion Members requested that an item be added to the work plan for the Joint Audit and Standards Committee providing an analysis of expenditure at main subjective level i.e. staffing, transport, supplies and services for each Council, to enable the Committee to compare and contrast the differences between the two Councils, to seek assurance that costs are being correctly allocated between them.

RESOLVED

That the external auditor's Grant Claims and Returns Certification for the year ended March 2014 (Paper P124), Audit Plan for 2014/15 (Paper P125) and Audit Fee Letter for 2015/16 (Paper P126) be noted.

The business of the meeting was concluded at 10.00 a.m.

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Chairman

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