

Minute of Meeting Audit, Risk and Scrutiny Board

Date	Time	Venue
Tuesday, 26 September 2023	15:00	Council Chambers (Renfrewshire), Council Headquarters, Renfrewshire House, Cotton Street, Paisley, PA1 1AN

Present: Councillor Jennifer Adam, Councillor Andy Doig, Councillor Chris Gilmour, Councillor John Gray, Councillor Lisa-Marie Hughes, Councillor Robert Innes, Councillor James MacLaren, Councillor Janis McDonald

Chair

Councillor Andy Doig, Convener, presided.

In Attendance

A MacArthur, Director of Finance & Resources; L McGuiness, Communications Business Lead (Transformation) (Chief Executive's); C McCourt, Head of Finance & Business Services, M Conaghan, Head of Corporate Governance, J Kilpatrick, Finance Business Partner and Lead Officer, J Skinner, End User Technician, C McDonald, Senior Committee Services Officer, J Barron, Committee Services Officer, D Cunningham, Committee & Licensing Services Officer and E Graham, Administrative Assistant (Licensing) (all Finance & Resources).

Also in Attendance

G Devlin, Partner & National Head of Internal Audit, Azets.

Apology

Councillor Montgomery.

Webcasting of Meeting

Prior to the commencement of the meeting the Convener intimated that this meeting of the Board would be filmed for live or subsequent broadcast via the Council's internet site.

Declarations of Interest and Transparency Statements

There were no declarations of interest or transparency statements intimated prior to the commencement of the meeting.

1 Risk Update Report

There was submitted a report by the Director of Finance & Resources relative to an update on actions outlined in response to recommendations of the Dargavel Primary School independent review which was approved by Council on 22 June 2023.

The report set out the latest position and the appendix outlined a new risk that was being added to the corporate risk register to ensure that the independent review recommendation in relation to risk management and related actions was being monitored.

DECIDED: That the report be noted.

2 Charges for Bulk Items Uplift for the Elderly - Lead Officer John Kilpatrick

Under reference to item 5 of the Minute of the meeting of this Board held on 22 August 2022, there was submitted a report by the Lead Officer relative to an update on progress of the Board's review of bulk uplifts.

The report advised that the review was progressing well and research had continued across all areas within the scope. The report looked at existing and potential options which were available to the elderly through partner organisations such as the third sector within Renfrewshire.

After discussion it was agreed that the final report should include: factoring in fairer calculation for affordability; the need to examine both people and the Council when assessing financial impact; reassessing the third sector element to include community groups; considering if there could be a degree of flexibility for third sector organisations; and conducting an impact assessment on how things would develop in the long term in terms of the ageing impact.

DECIDED:

(a) That it be agreed the final report should include: factoring in fairer calculation for affordability; the need to examine both people and the Council when assessing financial impact; reassessing the third sector element to include community groups; considering if there could be a degree of flexibility for third sector organisations; and conducting an impact assessment on how things would develop in the long term in terms of the ageing impact; and

(b) That the progress of the review be noted.