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GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

Wednesday, 27th March, 2024 at 7.00 pm in the Conference Room, Civic Centre, Silver Street, Enfield, EN1 3XA

Membership:

co :Thomas Fawns (Chair), Ayten Guzel (Vice-Chair), Nawshad Ali, Alessandro Georgiou, Nelly Gyosheva, Joanne Laban, Elisa Morreale, Sabri Ozaydin, Michael Rye OBE and Peter Nwosu

AGENDA - PART 1

1. WELCOME & APOLOGIES

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members of the committee are invited to identify any disclosable pecuniary, other pecuniary or non-pecuniary interests relevant to the items on the agenda.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (Pages 1 - 4)

To agree the minutes of the General Purposes Committee meeting held on 31 January 2024.

4. BDO PROGRESS REPORT ON EXTERNAL AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS

A verbal update will be provided. (Papers to follow)

5. GRANT THORNTON UPDATE ON PLANNING 2023/24 (Pages 5 - 22)

A verbal update will be provided.

6. INTERNAL AUDIT, COUNTER FRAUD AND INSURANCE PROGRESS UPDATE (Pages 23 - 42)

To note the progress made on the 2023-24 Internal Audit Plan and to note the 2023-24 audit reports with Limited assurance opinions issued since our last report to the Committee.

7. 2024-25 INTERNAL AUDIT CHARTER AND 2024-25 INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN (Pages 43 - 56)

To agree the 2024-25 Internal Audit Charter and the 2024-25 (Q1 and Q2) Internal Audit Plan.

8. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2023/24 (Pages 57 - 90)

To consider and approve the Draft Annual Governance Statement as set out in Appendix 1.

9. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

To note that all future meeting dates will be confirmed following the Annual Council meeting on Wednesday 15 May 2024.