

CIVIC AFFAIRS

16 May 2022
5.30 - 6.30 pm

Present: Councillors Davey (Vice-Chair), Bick, Dryden, Flaubert and Gawthrope Wood

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COUNCIL

22/12/Civ Apologies

Apologies were received from the Council's Independent Person, Rob Bennett

22/13/Civ Declarations of Interest

There were none.

22/14/Civ Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 2 February 2022 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Vice -Chair.

22/15/Civ Public Questions

There were no public questions.

22/16/Civ Officer Delegated Decisions

5a To implement the Joint Negotiating Committee for Chief Executives of Local Authorities Pay Award for 2021-22.

5b To implement the Joint Negotiating Committee for Chief Officers of Local Authorities Pay Award for 2021-22.

5c To implement the National Joint Council for local government services (NJC) Pay Award for 2021-22.

The three officer decisions were noted.

22/17/Civ Internal Audit Plan 2022/23

The Committee received a detailed introduction to the report by the Head of the Shared Internal Audit Service.

In response to a question from the Council's Independent Person about Audit's follow up of previous recommendations, the officer advised that resources are made available for follow up work in each year's Audit Plan and the standard approach is to follow up all high status actions, typically in audits of limited or no assurance.

Resolved-

Approved the Audit Plan and Strategy;
Approved the supporting Charter and the Code of Ethics

22/18/Civ Nominations for Committees for the Municipal Year 2022/23

The committee received an oral update from the Democratic Services Manager. There were on-going discussions between political Group Leaders on the committees so an update paper would be produced prior to the Annual Council Meeting. Councillor Bick requested that this include the ability to appoint more than one alternate to regulatory committees-committee agreed this was reasonable.

Also, no constitutional changes were required following the elections. Therefore recommendations (i)-(iii) were withdrawn.

Members of the Committee requested further information before agreeing to an arbitrary removal of recorded meetings after one year (recommendation v) and include the practice of engagement and recordings amongst the review of decision making and the Our Cambridge programme.

Resolved-

To recommend to Council that area committees continue to be held virtually.
To report back to a future Committee on Council meeting scheduling for February/March 2023.

The meeting ended at 6.30 pm

CHAIR