South Cambridgeshire District Council

Minutes of a meeting of the Audit and Corporate Governance Committee held on Tuesday, 21 February 2023 at 10.00 a.m.

PRESENT: Councillor Michael Atkins – Chair

Councillor Peter Sandford - Vice-Chair

Councillors: Graham Cone Geoff Harvey

Officers: Patrick Adams Senior Democratic Services Officer

James Carter Interim Project Accountant

Peter Maddock Head of Finance
Sunjiv Seetul Project Accountant
Liz Watts Chief Executive

Auditors: Mark Russell E & Y

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies for Absence were received from Councillors Mark Howell and Peter Sandford. Councillor Graham Cone was in attendance as a substitute for Councillor Mark Howell.

2. Declarations of Interest

Councillor Heather Williams declared an interest at a member of the Greater Cambridge Joint Assembly.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

It was noted that the minutes of the 19 January 2023 would be presented at the next meeting of the Committee on 23 March 2023.

4. Completion of Accounts for 2019/20

The Head of Finance presented the report, which recommended that the Committee approve the audited statement of accounts for the year 2019/20. Once the accounts were approved the external auditors would be able to complete their work and sign off the accounts. The Committee reviewed the amendments made to the accounts since July 2022.

It was noted that the property value had reduced by £70,000. The Project Accountant explained that this related to income from assets that were under construction.

The Head of Finance circulated a report which updated the core statement to accounts. It was noted that the correction related to which budget funds should be allocated to and made no material difference. It was agreed that the supplementary report, circulated at the meeting should be put on the website.

Councillor Heather Williams proposed and Councillor Michael Atkins seconded the recommendations in the report. A vote was taken and by affirmation

The Committee

Approved the audited statement of accounts for 2019/20.

Noted that the 2019/20 accounts audit was complete save for the final procedures

to be carried out by the Auditors.

5. Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next meeting will be held on Thursday 23 March at 10 am.

The Meeting ended at 10.30 a.m.