

Minutes

Audit Committee

Date: 27 February 2025

Time: 13:00

Venue: FSHQ

Present:

Cllr Renshaw (in the chair) Cllrs Ahmed, Buckley, Carlisle, Parnham and Wood

In Attendance:

Gareth Mills and Greg Charnley (Grant Thornton), Paul Burnham (Independent Person for Audit)

Apologies:

None

38.Minutes of last meeting held on 7 February 2025

Resolved

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 7 February 2025 be signed by the Chair as a correct record

39.Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

40.Urgent items

There were no urgent items.

41.Admission of the public

There were no items requiring the exclusion of the public and press.

42.Declarations of interest

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interest in relation to any item of business on the agenda.

43.Statement of Accounts 2023/24

The Director of Finance and Procurement submitted a report which provided the WYFRS Grant Thornton Audit Findings Report (ISA260) and the Statement of Accounts 2023/24 for approval.

Members received apologies from Grant Thornton for the extreme delay in providing the reports.

Members challenged the report author on the following:

- Lessons learnt during the Audit and how these will be implemented.
- The surplus in Local Government Pensions
- The value of the WYFRS estate and how that impacts the budget.
- If any comparative work is done against other FRAs
- Which financial year a confirmed Audit opinion is expected.

Members welcomed the report and were pleased to note there are no high category actions or adjustments required.

Members expressed their thanks to Paul Burnham in his role as Independent Person for Audit for his expertise and input.

Resolved

- a) That the report be noted
- b) That the Statement of Accounts for 2023/24 be approved

Chair