

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL

Audit Committee

Minutes of the Meeting of Louth County Council Audit Committee held in Mellifont Room, County Hall, Dundalk on Thursday 9th August, 2018 at 2.00 p.m.

In attendance:

Dr. Philip Byrne (Chairman)
Ms. Joan Martin, Chief Executive
Ms. Emer O’Gorman, Director of Services.
Mr. Billy Doyle
Mr. Richard Bowden
Mr. Alan Sherry, Senior Executive Officer.
Mr. Brian Clerkin, ASM
Mr. Ruairi Blee, ASM

Apologies:

Cllr. Kevin Callan
Cllr. Conor Keelan

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1. Before the meeting began condolences were expressed to Cllr. Conor Keelan on the death of his mother.

2. **Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 28th May, 2018 were confirmed on the proposal of Billy Doyle and seconded by Richard Bowden.

3. **Matter Arising from the Minutes**

- Members were informed that it is anticipated to present a risk management policy would be in place by the next meeting of the committee.
- Member were informed that the internal audit recommendations tracker was being updated and would be circulated as soon as possible.

4. Discussion with Chief Executive

The Chief Executive, Joan Martin outlined the new initiatives and progress made by the Council in relation to debt management which was a key priority for her. She also welcomed the increased capital funding being made available to local authorities through various grant schemes but emphasised the need to raise match funding by the local authority. She also pointed that that the Council was looking into its options in respect of interest only finance arrangements that were due to expire.

5. 2018 Internal Audit Plan

Brian Clerkin and Ruairi Blee, ASM presented the plan to the committee, which was noted, with the need to make the legislation review to be more specific.

6. Debt Recovery and Credit Control Report

The committee noted the report circulated by ASM

7. Fraud Risk Management Report

The committee noted the report circulated by ASM

8. Risk Register

As Bernie Woods, Head of Finance was on leave it was agreed to put this item on the agenda of the next meeting.

9. AOB

It was agreed to hold the next meeting on Thursday, 1st November at 2.00 pm.

That concluded the business of the meeting.

Confirmed at Meeting held on : _____

Chairman: _____

Meetings Administrator _____