#### LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL

#### **Audit Committee**

Minutes of the Meeting of Louth County Council Audit Committee held in Mellifont Room, County Hall, Dundalk on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March, 2018 at 2.00 p.m.

In attendance: Dr. Philip Byrne (Chairman)

Cllr. Kevin Callan

Cllr. Conor Keelan

Mr. Billy Doyle

Ms. Emer O'Gorman, Director of Services.

Mr. Alan Sherry, Senior Executive Officer.

**Apologies:** Mr. Richard Bowden

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### 1. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2018 were confirmed on the proposal of Cllr. Kevin Callan and seconded by Cllr. Conor Keelan.

# 2. Matter Arising from the Minutes

- Dr. Byrne undertook to circulate a paper in relation to the Public Standards Bill to the members of the committee.
- It was noted that the members had not received a copy of the monthly financial report and it was undertaken to ensure that happened.
- It was agreed to provide the members with a brief summary of the main points of the revenue budget for 2018.
- It was requested that the CEO attend the next meeting of the committee.
- Members were informed that a report detailing internal audit recommendations and their progress is being finalised.

## 3. Conflicts of Interest

The Chairman, Dr. Philip Byrne offered the members an opportunity to raise at this point any matters where they felt there would be a conflict of interest in regard to items listed on the agenda. There were no conflicts noted.

# 4. Absence Management Internal Audit Report

Jonathan Buick of ASM highlighted the main points of the report and answered questions from the members. The Chair requested that all future reports should address value for money and their relationship to the risk register. The committee noted the report.

# 5. Motor Tax Processing Internal Audit Report

Jonathan Buick of ASM highlighted the main points of the report and answered questions from the members. The committee noted the report.

## 6. Audit Reports Update

The committee noted the report circulated by ASM

## 7. Risk Register

Emer O'Gorman, Director of Services gave a presentation to the members in relation to her directorate and answered questions from the members. It was suggested by the members that any future presentations should follow the same format.

The members requested a list of all companies that the Council has a financial interest in or are directors of.

#### 8. AOB

It was agreed to hold the next meeting on Monday, 28th May at 2.00 pm.

That concluded the business of the meeting.

Confirmed at Meeting held on :	
Chairman:	
Meetings Administrator	