

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL

Audit Committee

Minutes of the Meeting of Louth County Council Audit Committee held in Setanta Room, County Hall, Dundalk on Thursday, 13th February, 2020 at 8.30 a.m.

In attendance: Mr. Richard Bowden
Mr. Billy Doyle
Cllr. C. Keelan
Cllr. C. Markey
Mr. Joe McGuinness, Director of Services.
Mr. Alan Sherry, Senior Executive Officer.
Bernie Woods, Head of Finance

Apologies: Ms. Irene Mc Causland

1. Election of Chairperson

Richard Bowden was proposed by B. Doyle, seconded by Cllr. C. Keelan to be chair of the audit committee which was agreed by the members.

2. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 12th December, 2019 were proposed by Cllr. C. Keelan, seconded by B. Doyle and agreed by the committee.

3. Matters Arising

It was agreed to re-circulate NOAC report on the internal audit function of local authorities discussed at the previous meeting.

It was also agreed to circulate the VFM reports to the members.

The head of Finance addressed the main issues raised by the committee in relation to the local government auditors report. It was agreed to circulate the committee with a schedule in relation to outstanding claims to the DoHP & LG for housing capital projects (Item 7.6) and a schedule outlining timelines in relation to outstanding land loans (Item 9).

4. Conflicts of Interest

There were no conflicts of interest raised by the members of the committee.

5. Audit Committee Charter

The Chair signed the charter.

Richard Bowden also pointed out that he was the auditor for the High lanes Gallery in order to deal with declaring his interests. No other member had any interests to declare.

6. Section 60 Report

The chair undertook to circulate a draft report to the committee members for their observations. He stressed that it would highlight the main issues raised in the local government auditors report.

7. Risk Register

It was suggested by the committee members that a training session should be done for them at the next meeting in relation to this topic.

8. Audit plan 2020

The committee noted the plan and requested that the recommendations tracker be updated for the next meeting as the closing out of internal auditor recommendations was very important. It was suggested that there should be another risk audit in 2021.

It was agreed to hold the next meeting in late April at a time that also suited the person who would be doing the risk training with the committee.

That concluded the business of the meeting.

Confirmed at Meeting held on : _____

Chairman: _____

Meetings Administrator _____