

Decisions of the Governance and Audit Committee on Thursday, 30 November 2017

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Decisions

**5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND SOCIAL CARE OMBUDSMAN - REVIEW OF
LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMPLAINTS 2016/17**

- (1) That the Committee takes assurance from the result of the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman's Annual Review of Local Government Complaints 2016/17, that the Authorities complaints process is overall satisfactory.**
- (2) That the Committee expresses concern at the number of complaints upheld by the Local Government Ombudsman in Adult Social Care and asks the Health and Social Care Overview and Scrutiny Committee to examine the reason why so many complaints were upheld in 2016/17 compared to the number of complaints received in this service area.**

**Action: Strategic Director Health and Wellbeing/Overview and Scrutiny
Lead Officer**

(Irina Arcas – 01274 435269)

**6. MINUTES OF WEST YORKSHIRE PENSION FUND (WYPF) JOINT ADVISORY
GROUP HELD ON 27 JULY 2017**

Resolved –

That the minutes of the West Yorkshire Pension Fund Joint Advisory Group held on 27 July 2017 were considered.

(Rodney Barton – 01274 432317)

7. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

Resolved –

That the public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the items relating to minutes of the West Yorkshire Pension Fund Investment Advisory Panel meeting held on 27 July 2017 because the information to be considered is exempt information within paragraph 3 (Financial or Business Affairs) of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. It is also considered that it is in the public interest to exclude public access to this item.

8. MINUTES OF WEST YORKSHIRE PENSION FUND (WYPF) INVESTMENT ADVISORY PANEL HELD ON 27 JULY 2017

Resolved –

That the minutes of the West Yorkshire Pension Fund Investment Advisory Panel held on 27 July 2017 were considered.

(Rodney Barton – 01274 432317)

9. ANNUAL TREASURY MANAGEMENT REPORT 2016/17

Resolved-

That the report be revised to include a suggestion made at the meeting (sentence at paragraph 2.6 explaining why rescheduling debt would not be financially viable) and referred to Council for adoption.

Action: Strategic Director, Corporate Services

(David Willis – 01274 432361)

10. TREASURY MANAGEMENT MID YEAR REVIEW UP TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2017

Resolved-

That the changes to the Treasury policy set out in section 2.6.2 of Document “R” be noted and the revised report which includes further information on the new regulation on the CIPFA Code out for consultation be referred to Council for adoption.

Action: Strategic Director, Corporate Services

(David Willis – 01274 432361)

11. **INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN 2017/18 - MONITORING REPORT AS AT 30 SEPTEMBER 2017**

Resolved-

That the Committee:

- (1) Takes assurance from the results to date that show that the control environment of the authority is overall satisfactory.**
- (2) Endorse the anticipated coverage and changes of Internal Audit work during the year.**
- (3) Requires Internal Audit to monitor the control environment and continues to assess areas of control weakness and the ability of management to deliver improvements to the control environment when required.**
- (4) Requires Internal Audit to monitor its resourcing levels to ensure that they are sufficient and appropriate to support an effective Internal Audit function.**
- (5) That the Strategic Director, Corporate Services reports the concerns highlighted by this Committee in relation to the completion of Internal Audit Recommendations relating to Children's Services and Health and Wellbeing to the Corporate Management Team and that an update on the issue be provided to the Committee at its meeting in January 2018.**

Action: Strategic Director, Corporate Services

(Mark St Romaine – 01274 432888)

12. **CODE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

Resolved-

- (1) That the amended and updated Code of Corporate Governance be approved and adopted by Council.**
- (2) That it be noted that the amended code will be used to help test the effectiveness of the Council's Governance Arrangements in order to inform the production of the Annual Governance Statement.**

Action: Strategic Director, Corporate Services

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