

# MINUTES OF AUDIT AND ETHICS COMMITTEE

17 MAY 2022

## PRESENT:

Mr P Dudfield (Chairman), Councillors Mrs A'Barrow, Mistry and Roodhouse

**In attendance:** Jim McLarnon (Senior Manager – Grant Thornton)

## 63. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 29 March 2022 were approved and signed by the Chairman.

## 64. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence from the meeting were received from Mr J Eves and Councillor Ms Watson-Merret.

## 65. AUDITORS ANNUAL REPORT ON RUGBY BOROUGH COUNCIL 2020/21.

The Committee considered the report of the Chief Officer for Finance and Performance (Part 1 – Agenda Item 4) concerning the annual audit report for 2020/21 including the commentary on the arrangements for value for money for Rugby Borough Council.

A representative from Grant Thornton, the Council's appointed external auditor, was in attendance at the meeting to present the report and answer questions from the Committee.

It was noted that there had been a change to the Code of Audit Practice issued by the National Audit Office requiring that the audit report included commentary relating to proper arrangements for securing value for money.

The Committee discussed development of a workplan to identify areas of work for particular focus or scrutiny.

Appreciation for the work of the Chief Officer for Finance and Performance and his team for their hard work and support over the challenging past year was placed on record.

## RESOLVED THAT –

- (1) the report be noted; and
- (2) the management responses to the recommendations be presented to the next meeting of the Committee on 30 June 2022.

**CHAIRMAN**