

Council – 5 September, 2017
Agenda Item 8
**Recommendation from the Audit
and Procurement Committee 24
July 2017**

Coventry City Council
Minutes of the Meeting of the Audit and Procurement Committee held at 3.00 pm
on Monday, 24 July 2017

Present:

Members: Councillor S Bains (Chair)
Councillor R Brown
Councillor L Harvard
Councillor P Seaman
Councillor R Singh
Councillor K Taylor

Employees (By Directorate):

People M Burn

Place P Baggott, B Hastie, P Jennings, L Knight, S Lock, H Lynch,
K Tyler

Other Representatives: M Stocks, Grant Thornton
S Turner, Grant Thornton

Apologies: Councillor H Sweet, substitute Councillor P Seaman

RECOMMENDATION

22. Audit and Procurement Committee Annual Report to Council 2016/17

The Committee considered the Audit and Procurement Committee's Annual Report, which was to be submitted to the City Council at their meeting on 5th September 2017. The report provided an overview of the Committee's activity during 2016/17.

During the previous municipal year, the Committee met on eight occasions. The report detailed all the routine reports considered during this time which were based around the clearly defined expectations of the services and functions that report to the Committee such as internal and external audit and financial functions.

The Committee also considered ad-hoc reports which focused on either a specific concern or developments that impacted directly on the Committee. These included the Information Management Strategy; 2015/16 Annual Freedom of Information / Data Protection Act Report; Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 Annual Report; Ombudsman Complaints Annual Report; Corporate Risk Register; Code of Corporate Governance; and the Whistleblowing Policy.

In 2017/18, the Committee's initial focus would be ensuring that action was taken in response to disclosures made in the Annual Governance Statement; ensuring that any issues raised by the external auditors in the audit of the Council accounts were addressed on a timely basis, ensuring that Members of the Committee were appropriately supported through training and development; and that any actions arising from the outcome of the annual review of the Council's Code of Corporate Governance were effectively implemented.

RESOLVED that the Audit and Procurement Committee recommends that the Council considers the Annual Report 2016/17 at their meeting on 5th September, 2017.