AUDIT COMMITTEE - 18 OCTOBER 2016

Audit Committee

Tuesday 18 October 2016 at 3pm

Present: Provost Moran, Councillors Ahlfeld, McCormick (for Brennan), Clocherty, Dorrian, Loughran, Nelson and Rebecchi.

Chair: Councillor Rebecchi presided.

In attendance: Head of Legal & Property Services, Chief Financial Officer, Finance Manager (Environment & Technical), Chief Internal Auditor, Legal Services Manager (Procurement & Conveyancing), Head of Education, HR Manager (Operations) and Mr N Duffy (Legal & Property Services).

The following paragraphs are submitted for information only, having been dealt with under the powers delegated to the Committee.

620 Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest

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Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Brennan, Jones and MacLeod, with Councillor McCormick substituting for Councillor Brennan.

No declarations of interest were intimated.

621 Internal Audit Progress Report – 1 August to 23 September 2016

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services appending the monitoring report in respect of Internal Audit activity for the period 1 August to 23 September 2016.

Noted

622 External Audit Action Plans - Current Actions

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There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services on the status of current actions from External Audit Action Plans, as at 30 September 2016.

Noted

Audit Scotland National Report: The National Fraud Initiative in Scotland – June

There was submitted a report by the Head of Legal & Property Services appending the Audit Scotland report "The National Fraud Initiative in Scotland" published in June 2016 providing an overview of the key messages and recommendations raised in the report and how these issues are being addressed by the Council.

Decided:

- (1) that the content of the report be noted;
- (2) that the self-appraisal checklist be noted;
- (3) that an update report on the 2016/17 National Fraud Initiative approach be provided to the meeting of the Committee in February 2017; and
- (4) that an All Members' Briefing be arranged by the Head of Legal & Property

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Services to take place in early 2017 on the role of the Corporate Fraud Team.

It was agreed in terms of Section 50(A)(4) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 as amended, that the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item on the grounds that the business involved the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 1 of Part I of Schedule 7(A) of the Act.

624 Internal Audit Progress Report - Appendix

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There was submitted an appendix to the Internal Audit Progress Report providing details of special investigations undertaken since the last meeting of the Committee. **Noted**