



**At a meeting of the Authority
held on Friday 20th April 2018**

Present : Councillor Tony Concepcion
Councillor Laura Robertson-Collins
Councillor Steve Williams
Councillor Mike O'Brien
Councillor Dianne Roscoe
Councillor Graham Morgan

47. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Preston, Sung, Norbury & Nelson

48. **Minutes of the Authority Meeting held on 2nd February 2018**

Resolved that the minutes of the Authority Meeting held on 2nd February 2018 be approved and signed as a correct record. Cllr Robertson-Collins noted that the minutes for item 10 on the previous agenda should have included the note that having a multi-district condition on the community fund could mean that local projects miss out.

49. **Declarations of Interests by Members and Officers**

There were no declarations of interest.

50. **Question(s) from Members under Procedural Rule 9**

There were no questions submitted by Members in accordance with Procedural Rule 9.

51. **Question(s) from Members of the Public under Procedural Rule 10**

There were no questions submitted by members of the public in accordance with Procedural Rule 10.

52. **Motion proposed by Members under Procedural Rule 15**

There were no motions proposed by Members under Procedural Rule 15.

53. **External Audit Plan 2017-18**
WDA/09/18

Members were presented with a report from the external auditor which provided a plan setting out the work they propose to carry out at the Authority prior to commencing their substantive auditing.

Resolved that the external auditor's plan and fee for the 2017-18 audit be approved.

54. **Internal Audit Plan 2018-19**
WDA/08/18

Internal Audit plan their work annually to provide assurance about governance arrangements at the Authority. Members were provided a report detailing this information.

Resolved that members approve the Internal Audit Plan for 2018-19.

55. **Internal Audit Plan – WMRC Contract Arrangements**
WDA/11/18

As part of its statutory governance arrangements the Authority is required to maintain an effective Internal Audit. The Auditor reviews the arrangements at the Authority and reports to Members on any weaknesses and recommends improvements. The report considered by Members brings to their attention the outcome of the latest review.

Resolved that the contents of the reports from the Internal Auditor be noted.

Peter Williams commended both the Contracts and Data and Performance teams for their hard work in achieving high assurance from the auditors.

56. **Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2018/19; Annual Revenue Provision Policy Statement; Annual Investment Strategy; and Treasury Management and Prudential Indicators**
WDA/10/18

The Local Government Act 2003 (the Act) and the framework established by CIPFA through its Prudential Code requires the Authority to set Prudential and Treasury Indicators for each of the next three years to ensure the Authority's capital investment plans are affordable, prudent and sustainable. The Act also requires the Authority to set out its Treasury Strategy for borrowing and to prepare an Annual Investment Strategy that sets out its policies for managing its investments and the priority given to the security and liquidity of those investments. Members were provided with a report to consider all of these elements.

Resolved that:

1. the report attached at Appendix 1 be considered;
2. the Treasury Management Strategy 2018/19; the Annual Revenue Provision Policy Statement; the Annual Investment Strategy; and the Treasury Management and Prudential Indicators as set out in the report at Appendix 1 be approved;
3. authority be delegated to the Treasurer, within the total limit for each year, to effect movements between the separately agreed prudential indicator limits in accordance with option appraisal and best value for money for the Authority be approved; and
4. authority be delegated to the Treasurer, to effect movements between borrowing and other long term liabilities sums under the framework of the Prudential code be approved.

57. **Service Delivery Plan**
WDA/12/18

Members were provided with a report detailing the initial outcomes of the previous year's performance and a proposed Service Delivery Plan for 2018/19.

Resolved that:

1. progress made during 2017/18 in the delivery of the Corporate Plan be noted; and
2. the proposed Service Delivery Plan for 2018/19 be approved.

58. **Code of Corporate Governance and Annual Governance Statement**
WDA/07/18

Members were provided with a report informing them of the findings of the Annual Governance Assessment and the Improvement Action Plan for 2018/19. The report also sought member's approval to include the Annual Governance Statement in the Statement of Accounts 2017/18.

Resolved that:

1. the findings of the Annual Corporate Governance Assessment be noted and the Improvement Action plan for 2018/19 be approved;
2. the Code of Governance be approved; and
3. the Annual Governance Statement be approved and that the Statement be signed by the Authority's representatives for inclusion in the Statement of Accounts 2017/18.