



**At a meeting of the Authority  
held on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

Present : Councillor Tony Concepcion  
Councillor Diane Roscoe  
Councillor Steve Williams  
Councillor Yvonne Sayers  
Councillor Stef Nelson

47. **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Harbour, Preston, Robertson-Collins and Norbury.

48. **Minutes of the Authority Meeting held on 01<sup>st</sup> February 2019**

**Resolved** that the minutes of the Authority Meeting held on 01<sup>st</sup> February 2019 be approved and signed as a correct record.

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: Audit of 2018-19 Accounts**  
**WDA/06/19**

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 Members approve the external auditor's plan and fee for the 2018-19 audit.

54. **Internal Audit Plan 2019-20**  
**WDA/07/19**

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 2019-20.

55. **Internal Audit Report – Veolia Contract**  
**WDA/11/19**

As part of its statutory governance arrangements the Authority is required to maintain an effective Internal Audit which is provided by St Helens Council. Members considered a report from the Auditor, which reviewed the arrangements at the Authority and detailed the outcome of the latest reviews.

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

The Director of Finance confirmed that a high assurance had been received from the audit and there are no recommendations. The Director of Finance also asked to note the thanks to the Contracts and Data and Performance teams for their work in achieving this.

56. **Internal Audit Report - RRC**  
**WDA/10/19**

As part of its statutory governance arrangements the Authority is required to maintain an effective Internal Audit which is provided by St Helens Council. Members considered a report from the Auditor, which reviewed the arrangements at the Authority and detailed the outcome of the latest reviews.

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

57. **Code of Corporate Governance and Annual Governance Statement**  
**WDA/09/19**

Members were provided with a report informing them of the findings of the Annual Governance Assessment and the Improvement Action Plan for 2019/20. The report also sought member's approval to include the Annual Governance Statement in the Statement of Accounts 2018/19.

**Resolved that:**

1. Members note the findings of the Annual Corporate Governance Assessment and approve the Improvement Action Plan for 2019/20;
2. Members approve the Code of Corporate Governance; and
3. Members approve the Annual Governance Statement and the Statement be signed by the Authority's representatives for inclusion in the Statement of Accounts 2018/19.

58. **Service Delivery Plan 2019-20**  
**WDA/08/19**

Members were provided with a report detailing the initial outcomes of the previous year's performance and a proposed Service Delivery Plan for 2019-20.

**Resolved that:**

1. Members note the progress made during 2018-19 in the delivery of the Corporate Plan;
2. Members approve the proposed Service Delivery Plan for 2019-20.

Councillor Tony Concepcion wished to pass his thanks to all staff at MRWA for the work they have done over the last 12 months.

Councillor Tony Concepcion also wished to pass his thanks to the MRWA Members.