



**At the meeting of the Authority  
held on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

Present:

Councillor Tony Concepcion  
Councillor Laura Robertson-Collins  
Councillor Steve Williams  
Councillor Yvonne Sayers  
Councillor Stef Nelson  
Councillor Diane Roscoe  
Councillor Tony Norbury  
Councillor Joe Hanson  
Councillor Charlie Preston  
Councillor Hughie Malone

18. **Apologies for Absence**

There were no apologies for absence.

19. **Minutes of the Annual Authority Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2020**

**Resolved** that the minutes of the Annual Authority Meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> June 2020 be approved and signed as a correct record.

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

There were no declarations of interest.

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

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

22. **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.

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

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

24. **Code of Corporate Governance and Annual Governance Statement**  
**WDA/17/20**

Members are asked to note the findings of the Annual Governance Assessment and approve the Code of Corporate Governance and the Improvement Action Plan for 2020/21. Members are also asked to approve the Annual Governance Statement for inclusion within the Statement of Accounts 2019/20 to be published later this year.

**Resolved that:**

1. Members noted the findings of the Annual Corporate Governance Assessment and approved the Improvement Action Plan for 2020/21.
2. Members approved the Code of Corporate Governance.
3. Members approved the Annual Governance Statement and the Statement be signed by the Authority's representatives for inclusion in the Statement of Accounts 2019/20.

25. **Internal Audit Reports**  
**WDA/18/20**

As part of its statutory government arrangements the Authority is required to maintain an effective Internal Audit. The Authority's Internal Audit is provided by St Helens Council. The Auditor reviews the arrangements at the Authority and reports to Members on any weaknesses and

recommends improvements. Members were presented with this reports and their attention drawn to the outcome of the latest reviews.

**Resolved** that the contents of the reports from the Internal Auditor and the management response to recommended actions be noted