

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL

Audit Committee

Minutes of the Meeting of Louth County Council Audit Committee held in Mellifont Room, County Hall, Dundalk on Thursday 1st November, 2018 at 2.00 p.m.

In attendance:

Dr. Philip Byrne (Chairman)

Ms. Joe McGuinness, Director of Services.

Mr. Billy Doyle

Mr. Richard Bowden

Mr. Alan Sherry, Senior Executive Officer

Ms. Bernie Woods, FCCA, Head of Finance

Mr. Paddy McCabe, Local Government Auditor

Apologies:

Mr. Billy Doyle

1. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th August, 2018 were confirmed on the proposal of Richard Bowden and seconded by Philip Byrne.

2. Matter Arising from the Minutes

- It was requested that the internal audit recommendation tracker spreadsheet be circulated to the members.
- The chair emphasised the need for the finalised reports to be ready in time for each committee meeting.

3. Local Government Audit Report/Annual Financial Statement

The local government auditor, Paddy McCabe presented the report to the

members and Bernie Woods and he answered questions and queries. In the course of the discussion the cost of legal advice in relation to debt recovery for the Council was requested. It was agreed that the Chair would draft the S.60 report for discussion at a meeting in December or for circulation by e-mail if a meeting wasn't taking place.

4. Risk Register Presentation – Finance Department

Bernie Woods gave a presentation to the members in relation to her directorate and answered questions from the committee.

5. Risk Policy

It was agreed to defer this item to the next meeting of the committee.

6. Internal Audit Reports

The committee noted the report circulated by ASM in relation to the progress on the 2017 and 2018 audit plan.

7. AOB

That concluded the business of the meeting.

Confirmed at Meeting held on: _____

Chairman: _____

Meetings Administrator _____