

ANGUS COUNCIL

MINUTE of MEETING of the **SCRUTINY AND AUDIT COMMITTEE** held in the Town and County Hall, Forfar, on Thursday 22 November 2012 at 1pm.

Present: Councillors BOB SPINK, BRIAN BOYD, LYNNE DEVINE, BILL DUFF, DAVID FAIRWEATHER, CRAIG FOTHERINGHAM, JEANETTE GAUL, DAVID MAY, ROB MURRAY, BOB MYLES and RONNIE PROCTOR.

Councillor SPINK, Convener, in the Chair.

1. APOLOGIES/SUBSTITUTES

Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillors Bill Bowles and Jim Houston.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Committee agreed to note that no declarations of interest were made.

3. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The [minute of meeting of this Committee of 25 September 2012](#) was approved as a correct record and signed by the Convener.

4. WORKSHOP – TRAINING DAY

Members were advised that a workshop event was to be arranged which would assist members in their scrutiny role.

It was agreed that the Chief Executive contact members to confirm a suitable date.

5. ANGUS COUNCIL ANNUAL ACCOUNTS 2011/2012 AND THE REPORT TO MEMBERS ON THE 2011/2012 AUDIT OF ANGUS COUNCIL

With reference to Article 6 of the minute of meeting of the Scrutiny and Audit Sub Committee of 27 June 2012, there was submitted [Joint Report No 650/12](#) by the Chief Executive, the Director of Corporate Services and the Head of Finance covering Audit Scotland's Report to the members on the 2011/2012 Audit of Angus Council and asking members to formally note 2011/2012 Annual Accounts including the Audited Accounting Statements for Angus Council. The Report also advised members of the intention to publish a summarised version of the Accounts.

The Report indicated that the Council had met the deadline of submitting its Accounts by the due date of 30 June 2012 and had been provided with an unqualified audit certificate by the external auditors (Audit Scotland).

Having heard from the Head of Finance, in relation to some key aspects of the Annual Accounts, and following a number of questions from members, the Committee, for its interest, agreed:-

- (i) to note the contents of the Report;
- (ii) to note the contents of Audit Scotland's Report to members on the 2011/2012 Audit of Angus Council, as appended to the Report; and
- (iii) to note the 2011/2012 audited Annual Accounts for Angus Council.

6. INTERNAL AUDIT ACTIVITY UPDATE

With reference to Article 18 of the minute of meeting of the Scrutiny and Audit Committee of 25 September 2012, there was submitted [Report No 674/12](#) by the Head of Finance providing the Chief Internal Auditor's update on the main findings of internal audit reports issued since 25 September 2012.

The Report indicated that five Internal Audit Reports had been issued since the last Committee, these being:-

Fostering Payments;
Street Lighting;
Project and Programme Management;
Corporate Risk Management; and
LEADER.

The Committee agreed:-

- (i) to note the summaries of the Audit Reports and follow-ups; and
- (ii) to note the Chief Internal Auditor would bring back to future Committees update reports in relation to follow-up audits, including any outstanding actions.