

Leaders' Committee

Urgency Report

Item no: 5

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Summary	London Councils' urgency procedure was used to approve: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Decisions taken following the Meeting of Members of London Councils Audit Committee on 17 March 2022
Recommendations	Leaders' Committee is asked to approve the decisions taken under the urgency procedure.

Decisions taken following Executive held on 17 March 2022

1.0 Summary and Reason for Urgency

The modifications introduced by the emergency Regulations (SI 2020/392), made under section 78 of the Coronavirus Act 2020, 2020 Regulations expired on 6 May 2021 meaning that formal meetings may not take place virtually. This means that in order to participate in discussions and vote on decisions or recommendations, Members must again be present physically at the meeting at which business is considered.

In considering the implication of this in the current circumstances, London Councils' Executive Members agreed on 11 May 2021 that until the legislation is changed, formal committee business is to be dealt with by holding an informal virtual meeting in the first instance to ascertain the general view of a committee or sub-committee with a formal decision to be then taken under delegated authority by way of London Councils' Urgency Procedure.

1.1 Items Under Urgency Procedure for Audit Committee on 17 March 2022

Item 3. Minutes of the Audit Committee held on 16 September 2021

To agree the Audit Committee minutes from the 16 September 2021, subject to amending Councillor Robin Brown as being from the borough of Richmond and not Merton, as stated under "Present" in the minutes.

Item 6. External Audit Plan 2021/22

To approve the draft external audit plan for 2021/22 (Appendix A) in principle, subject to further clarification on the increase of the annual audit fee as highlighted in paragraph 8.

Item 7. Internal Audit Plan 2022/23

To approve the internal audit plan for 2022/23 and the rolling five-year programme, as proposed by the City of London and detailed in Appendix A of this report.

1.2 The urgency was approved on 24 March 2022

2.0 Recommendation

Leaders' Committee is asked to approve the above decisions taken under the urgency procedure.

Financial Implications for London Councils

There are no financial implications for London Councils.

Legal Implications for London Councils

There are no legal implications for London Councils

Equalities Implications for London Councils

There are no equalities implications for London Councils