

Minutes of the Audit Committee

27 May 2021

-: Present :-

Councillor Loxton (Chairman)

Councillors Hill, O'Dwyer and Brooks

(Also in attendance: Councillors Kennedy and Johns)

247. Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Dart and Howgate. Councillor Kennedy also gave her apologies as she was unable to attend the meeting in person, in accordance with the Local Government Act 1972. Councillor Kennedy did join virtually and was able to ask questions and take part in the debate but she was not permitted to take part in the formation of recommendations or vote.

248. Corporate Performance and Corporate Risk Register

The Committee considered the submitted report in respect of the Quarter 4 Corporate Performance and Corporate Risk Register. Members asked questions and received answers in relation to the following topics contained with the Corporate Performance report:

- Waste and recycling - the transition from TOR2 to SWISCo, the impact of Covid-19, the effectiveness of recording compliments and complaints, education and awareness of recycling;
- Temporary Accommodation – the anticipated impact of the Covid-19 eviction ban, seasonal fluctuations in those presenting as homeless, the Next Steps Programme and Council Tax Collection;
- Economic Regeneration – number of claimants, earnings by work place, number of economically active, availability of employment land and leisure activities within Torbay;
- Council Re-design – impact of Covid-19 and the use of office space, agency staff and costs;
- Corporate Complaints, Freedom of Information Requests, Subject Access Requests and member enquiry response times; and
- Registration of Births and Deaths.

