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Minutes of a Meeting of the **Audit and Governance Committee** held in the Deben Conference Room, East Suffolk House, on **Monday, 23 January 2023 at 6:30 PM**

Members of the Committee present:

Councillor Linda Coulam, Councillor Tess Gandy, Councillor Geoff Lynch, Councillor Chris Mapey, Councillor Mick Richardson, Councillor Rachel Smith-Lyte, Councillor Ed Thompson

Other Members present:

Councillor Edward Back, Councillor Maurice Cook, Councillor Russ Rainger

Officers present:

Laura Fuller (Audit Manager), Andy Jarvis (Strategic Director), Siobhan Martin (Head of Internal Audit Services), Matt Makin (Democratic Services Officer (Regulatory)), Brian Mew (Chief Finance Officer & Section 151 Officer), Alli Stone (Democratic Services Officer), Julian Sturman (Specialist Accountant – Capital and Treasury Management)

1 Apologies for Absence and Substitutions

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Cooper and Councillor Cloke. Councillor Rainger attended as substitute for Councillor Cooper.

2 Declarations of Interest

Andy Jarvis declared a non-financial interest as a Director of East Suffolk Services Limited under item 5 of the agenda.

3 Internal Audit Charter

The Committee received report **ES/1422** of Councillor Maurice Cook, Cabinet Member with responsibility for Resources and Councillor Edward Back, Assistant Cabinet Member for Resources.

The Head of Internal Audit introduced the report. The Internal Audit Charter was refreshed every year and received by the Committee to ensure the Committee was up to date on the standards and regulations for Internal Audit. The Head of Internal Audit

notes that there were no substantial changes to the Charter this year, beyond some updating of language.

There were no questions from the Committee, and on the proposal of Councillor Coulam, seconded by Councillor Gandy, it was by a unanimous vote

RESOLVED

That having reviewed the refreshed Internal Audit Charter, it be approved by the Audit and Governance Committee.

4 Exempt/Confidential Items

On the proposition of Councillor Coulam, seconded by Councillor Gandy, it was by a unanimous vote

RESOLVED

That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

5 East Suffolk Services Limited Loan Funding

- Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

The meeting concluded at 7.08pm

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Chairman