



Audit and Risk Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee held in the Council Chamber, 26 Gordon Street, Dannevirke on Tuesday 15 February 2022 commencing at 2.00pm.

1. Present

Mr K Ross (Chairperson), Her Worship the Mayor - Mrs T H Collis, Crs E L Peeti-Webber (Deputy Mayor), A K Franklin (via Teams), S A Hull, C J Isaacson, P A Johns, K A Sutherland, R A Treder (via Teams) and S M Wards.

In Attendance

Mr B Nicholson	- Chief Executive
Mr R Taylor	- Manager - Democracy Services
Mr R Suppiah	- Group Manager - Corporate
Ms T Love	- Group Manager - Operations
Mr C Chapman	- Group Manager - Infrastructure
Ms S Lowe	- Group Manager - People and Capability
Mrs S Walshe	- Team Leader Financial Services
Ms B Smith	- Finance Manager
Ms A Rule	- Policy Advisor
Ms D Perera	- Audit Director Audit New Zealand

2. Apologies

2.1 Nil

3. Confirmation of Minutes

3.1 *That the minutes of the Audit and Risk Committee meeting held on 19 October 2021 (as circulated) be confirmed as a true and accurate record of the meeting.*

Ross/Hull

Carried

4. Any Matters Arising from the Minutes not otherwise dealt with in the Agenda

4.1 Nil

5. Reports

5.1 Adoption of the 2020/2021 Annual Report and Annual Report Summary

- 5.1.1 Team Leader Financial Services Sarah Walsh introduced the 2020/2021 Annual Report presented for adoption following completion of the audit, and tabled a copy of the auditor's report and opinion noting the late completion of the audit due to Audit New Zealand resourcing issues.
- 5.1.2 The Annual Report Summary was reviewed by committee members regarding the information presented, with Team Leader Financial Services Sarah Walshe and Group Manager - Corporate Raj Suppiah responding to questions raised and noting minor amendments requested to parts of its wording.
- 5.1.3 Audit Director for Audit New Zealand Debbie Perera apologised for the late completion of the audit, and acknowledged the assistance of Council staff in undertaking that work to carry out the necessary review of the information presented in the Annual Report.
- 5.1.4 Debbie Perera spoke on the auditor's report and opinion circulated that conveyed an unmodified opinion on the audited information, excluding the Activities and Service Performance statement.
- 5.1.5 Chairperson Kevin Ross thanked Council staff for their work in the production of the Annual Report and the quality of the information provided for that purpose.
- 5.1.6 ***That the report from the Team Leader Financial Services dated 8 February 2022 concerning the adoption of the 2020/2021 Annual Report and Annual Report Summary (as circulated) be received, and***
That the Audit and Risk Committee recommended to the Council that the 2020/2021 Annual Report is adopted in accordance with Section 98 of the Local Government Act 2002 subject to the correction of any typographical errors, changes made through this meeting, and those that be may be required by Audit New Zealand arising from the completion of their audit.

Wards/Sutherland

Carried

There being no further business the Chairperson thanked those present for their attendance and contributions, and declared the meeting closed at 3.10pm.

Chairperson