

LEE VALLEY REGIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

ADDITIONAL AUDIT COMMITTEE MINUTES 29 JUNE 2023

Members remotely present: David Gardner (Chairman) Mike Garnett
Suzanne Rutland-Barsby (Vice Chairman) Lesley Greensmyth
John Bevan Terry Wheeler

Officers remotely present: Shaun Dawson - Chief Executive
Beryl Foster - Deputy Chief Executive
Michael Sterry - Senior Accountant
Sandra Bertschin - Committee & Members' Services Manager

Also remotely present: Kevin Bartle - S151 Officer (London Borough of Enfield)

Part I

257 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

258 ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2022/23

Paper AUD/135/23

The report was introduced by the Chief Executive, including:

- the Annual Governance Statement was part of a suite of documents that form the end of year auditors report; and
- the final accounts for 2020/21 have not yet been completed and the draft Annual Governance Statement for 2022/23 reflected the current situation.

Member comments included:

- historical asset valuations had been identified as an issue delaying completion of the 2020/21 final accounts and prior year adjustments could have an impact;
- the format of the Annual Governance Statement was very process driven and did not reflect the aims, objectives, work and legal standing of the Authority.

In response it was advised:

- as the 2022/23 audit had not yet commenced the recommended approach was to approve the Annual Governance Statement now recognising that there could be some impact in the future;
- the format of the Annual Governance Statement was based on prior years. The Narrative Statement, which was a separate document included within the final accounts, outlines non-financial information to provide a broad picture of the Authority, and could be cross-referenced in the Annual Governance Statement.

- (1) subject to inclusion of cross-reference to the Narrative Statement, the Annual Governance Statement attached at Appendix A to Paper AUD/135/23 be included within the Accounts, was approved.**

Chairman

Date

The meeting started at 4.46pm and ended at 5.04pm