

## WYTHAM FOURTH DISTRICT INTERNAL DRAINAGE BOARD

### MINUTES

of the proceedings of the Governance and Risk Committee at a Meeting held at 47 North Street on  
**Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup> November 2022**

Present - C. Dunthorn (Committee Chairman)  
P. Richardson  
J.E. Dean  
M. Leggett  
P. Skinner  
K. Smith  
J. Welbourn

#### 1. **APPOLOGIES**

Apologies had been received from J. Woods and T. Addison. No apology had been received from N. Franks.

#### 2. **INTERNAL & EXTERNAL AUDIT REPORTS (J. MARQUESS)**

The Chair Executive Referral Committee members in the last page of the landscape paper which showed the Internal Auditor's required action points highlighted in red. The Financial Regulations would be dealt with later in the meeting.

With regard to the External Audit there was 'one other matter' noted as previously advised, this was the 30-day period that directors have to look at the accounts. It had been advised I did not before it was approved by the Board. This had been marked as a note and not a qualification. The Committee Members agreed this was a minor point.

#### 3. **REVIEW OF GOVERNANCE POLICIES**

The Chair Executive reported that the Risk Register and Financial Regulation policies were subject to an annual review.

#### 3.1 **Risk Register**

The Risk Register was made up of 3 main areas which were covered in the report.

Risk Area 1 was in relation to the Board's IT Networks and the risk of cyber attacks. Insurance in respect of cyber attacks was costly and had not been purchased this year. However, this was something for Board debate.

P. Skinner - asked if the systems could be attacked? He confirmed that the County Council had experienced an outage approximately 3 weeks ago which was as a result of BT failing to update their systems. It appeared that old software was specially being targeted so it may be worth considering. The Chair Executive confirmed that our service provider, QinetiQ, monitor the system each day and all staff had received training on the risks.

The Chairman asked what the costs of this monitoring was and the Chair Executive confirmed it was part of a service support agreement costing approximately £900 per month, although he did not have the exact figure to hand. The Chair Executive confirmed QinetiQ provide the Board with a good service but appreciated that there was always risk.

M. Leggett - felt it would be prudent to consider insurance. The Chair Executive would obtain a quote which he would bring to the February Board meeting.