

Eden District Council

Accounts and Governance Committee Minutes

Date: 10 May 2022 Venue: The Council Chamber, Town Hall, Penrith Time: 6.45 pm

Present:

Chairman:	Councillor M Eyles	
Vice Chairman:	Councillor S Lancaster	
Councillors:	K Greenwood	N McCall
	J C Lynch	
Standing Deputies:	Councillor P G Baker	
Officers Present:	Paul Sutton, Interim Director of Resources	
Others Present:	Gareth Kelly, Grant Thornton	
Democratic Services Officer:	Lewis Powell	

AGc/68/05/22 Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Lancaster, and Councillor Connell, with Councillor Baker deputising.

AGc/69/05/22 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were made.

AGc/70/05/22 Minutes of Previous Meeting

Proposed by Councillor Eyles
Seconded by Councillor Greenwood

and **RESOLVED** that:

1. The public minutes AGC/57/03/22 to AGC67/03/22 of the meeting of this Committee held on the 16 March 2022 and;
2. The private minute AGC/66/03/22 of the meeting of this Committee held on the 16 March 2022 be confirmed and approved by the Chairman as a correct record of those proceedings.

AGc/71/05/22 External Audit Progress Report and Sector Update

Members considered Report No: DoR36/22 of the Interim Director of Resources which provides an update from the External Auditor on the Statement of Accounts Audit for 2020/21 and a Sector Update.

Members raised the following points on the report:

- Will the corrections in the 2021 report impact the 2022 figures;
- If there are capacity issues in the team;
- And the impact of being a mayoral authority on attracting funding;

The Interim Director of Resources stated that the corrections in the 2021 report will be incorporated in the 2022 figures, this will alter the balance sheet, but not revenue. In terms of capacity, there are two new members in the team, it is a moving picture though in that they are pulled towards LGR at times.

The External Auditor commented in relation to the mayoral authorities that different models work for different authorities – it is not one size fits all. The Interim Director of Resources also commented that mayoral authorities do bring in more funding, but it is usually on very specific projects.

Proposed by Councillor McCall

Seconded by Councillor Greenwood

and **RESOLVED** that the Accounts and Governance Committee note the report.

AGc/72/05/22 Any Other Items Which the Chairman Decides are Urgent

No other items of urgent business were raised.

AGc/73/05/22 Date of Next Scheduled Meeting

It was raised that the date of the next meeting on the 9 June 2022 may be unworkable for some Members due to Appleby Horse Fair. It was agreed that the feasibility of moving the meeting would be explored.

The meeting closed at 7.07 pm

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