

Audit, Standards and Risk Committee

24 March 2022

Committee Effectiveness

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| Is the paper exempt from the press and public? | No |
| Purpose of this report: | Monitoring/Assurance |
| Is this a Key Decision? | No |
| Has it been included on the Forward Plan? | Not a Key Decision |

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Executive Summary

This paper outlines the purpose of the annual effectiveness survey and provides, for information, the questions posed to members via an online survey active between 8th and 21st March.

What does this mean for businesses, people and places in South Yorkshire?

Continually improving governance enables the Combined Authority to pursue its ambitions and objectives in the most effective and efficient way, bringing about better outcomes for people and businesses in South Yorkshire.

Recommendations

The Committee is asked to note the annual effectiveness survey questions and discuss the findings which will be presented at the Committee meeting 24th March.

Consideration by any other Board, Committee, Assurance or Advisory Panel

None

1. Background

- 1.1 The Chartered Institute for Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA), Financial Reporting Council (FRC) and the National Audit Office (NAO) state, and recommend, that audit committees should annually review their own effectiveness.

The Audit, Standards and Risk Committee previously agreed that a structured questionnaire seeking feedback on the effectiveness of the Committee should be prepared and the findings used to highlight any areas where development or improvement is required. The findings of the survey will be reflected in the Chair's Annual Report to the MCA Board in June.

2. Key Issues

- 2.1 The survey was launched on Tuesday 8th March with a deadline of 21st March to allow members time for completion. The survey (included at appendix A) aims to evaluate, and understand any development requirements, relating to:

- the skills and knowledge of the Committee
- relationships between members, members and MCA officer and members and the MCA Board and Mayor
- administration and operational requirements of the Committee

- 2.2 A presentation of the findings will be prepared for the meeting scheduled for 24th March.

3. Consultation on Proposal

- 3.1 The Chair, Vice-chair and Chair of the Audit, Standards and Risk Advisory Panel were consulted on the scope and content of the survey.

4. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision

- 4.1 Any recommendations and actions resulting from the survey will be implemented in a timescale agreed with the Committee.

5. Financial and Procurement Implications and Advice

- 5.1 There are no financial implications directly associated with this report.

6. Legal Implications and Advice

- 6.1 There are no legal implications relating to this report.

7. Human Resources Implications and Advice

- 7.1 There are no human resources implications related to this report.

8. Equality and Diversity Implications and Advice

- 8.1 There are no equality and diversity implications related to this report.

9. Climate Change Implications and Advice

9.1 There are no climate change implications related to this report.

10. Information and Communication Technology Implications and Advice

10.1 There are no information and communication technology implications related to this report.

11. Communications and Marketing Implications and Advice

11.1 There are no communications or marketing implications related to this report.

List of Appendices Included

A Committee Effectiveness Survey Questions

Background Papers

[Audit, Standards and Risk Committee – 15th July 2021 - Item 17 – Committee Engagement and Annual Report Proposal](#)