

## **GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE**

**Minutes of the meeting held on 11 August 2016 at 7.00 pm in Council Chamber, Council Offices, Cecil Street, Margate, Kent.**

**Present:** Councillors Braidwood, Campbell, Connor, Day, Dexter, Dixon, Edwards, Game, I Gregory, Hayton, Jaye-Jones and Taylor-Smith

**In Attendance:** Councillor Crow-Brown

### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors Buckley and Larkins.

As the Chairman, Councillor Buckley, was unavailable; the Vice-Chairman, Councillor Hayton, was in the chair.

### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of interest.

### **3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

Councillor Jaye-Jones proposed, Councillor Campbell seconded and Members agreed the minutes of the meeting held on 22 June 2016.

### **4. THE DRAFT ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2015/16**

Tim Howes, Director of Corporate Governance and Monitoring Officer introduced the report which presented the draft Annual Governance Statement 2015/16 for consideration by the Committee.

Members offered a number of comments and suggestions during consideration of the item which Mr Howes agreed to incorporate into the Statement. Mr Howes also advised that he had received preliminary feedback from Grant Thornton LLP, the Council's external auditors.

It was proposed by Councillor Campbell, seconded by Councillor Taylor-Smith and Members agreed to accept the draft Annual Governance Statement 2015/16 subject to the inclusion of the changes discussed.

Meeting concluded: 7.20 pm