

**Community Relations Council 100th Audit and Risk Assurance Committee**  
**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 11AM 2024**  
**Online**

**Present:** Mr John McCallister, (Chair of CRC Audit and Risk Assurance Committee), Mr M McDonnell (Board Member), Mr R Campbell (Board Member),

**In attendance:** Dr J Irwin (CRC CEO), Mr P Garrity (Finance Manager), Ms N Woodside (Temporary EA), Ms E Tommaso (Admin Officer) Mr R Falls, (Cavanagh Kelly) Mr A Allen (NIAO), Mr Padraig Brady (ASM), Ms A Ferguson (TEO)

**Apologies:** none recorded.

### **1. Welcome**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the 100th Audit and Risk Assurance Committee.

### **2. Conflict of Interests**

Mr Campbell works at the same firm as CRC's legal advisors, assisting with the FOI set out in the Risk Register and the tribunal case. There is no conflict as Mr R Campbell was not involved in the procurement process and is not involved in these legal matters.

Mr McCallister previously informed the Committee that, in relation to the pension risk on the Risk Register, he was a member of the NI Assembly and sat on the Finance Committee when the piece of legislation related to this issue was tabled. There is no current conflict, however the Chair is highlighting this issue for transparency.

In relation to the IT risk on the Risk Register Mr McCallister also previously reminded the committee that he is an Equality Commissioner.

### **3. Minutes**

The Board reviewed the minutes of the 99th Audit and Risk Assurance Committee, which took place on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2024

The minutes were approved by the Committee.

### **4. Matters Arising**

Nothing further has been added other than the documented agenda items.

## **5. External Audit**

Mr A Allen reminded members that the audit strategy had been presented at the last meeting, and it was approved.

Mr R Falls advised that work starts on 27th May 2024.

## **6. Internal Audit**

## **7. Risk Register**

The CEO took members through the risk register.

## **8. Register of Audit Recommendations**

## **9. Investigations into Funded Groups**

There are no current investigations.

## **10. Department of Finance Guidance**

## **11. Direct Awards**

None

## **12. Purchases Without a Price Check**

None

## **13. Any Other Business**

None

#### **14. Date of Next Meeting**

20th June 2024 11 AM.

Mr M McDonnell reminded the other committee members that he is not available and will not be in attendance that day.

Mr McDonnell thanked everyone for attending the meeting.