

Minute of Audit and Risk Assurance Committee

Thursday 17 March 2022 at 5.00 pm
at Council Chamber, Sandwell Council House

Minute No. 23/22

Update on Implementation of Previous Recommendations

The Committee received an update on the implementation of the resolutions made at its meetings held on 18 March 2021 (reconvened on 18 May 2021) (Minute No 21/21 refers) and 24 June 2021 (Minute No 25/21 refers).

In respect of resolution (3) of Minute No. 25/21 (of 24 June 2021) the Director Law and Governance reported that it had not been possible to agree a suitable date with the Chair for the additional meeting to take place.

The Committee received an update on the matter.

Resolved that, in reference to Minute No. 21/21(3) of the meeting held on 18 March 2021, (reconvened on 18 May 2021), the Committee feels that it has come to an impasse with officers in relation to this matter, which is preventing further progress; and therefore recommends that the Executive commissions an external review into the matters raised in relation to alleged racism and whether it is appropriate for the Council to issue an apology to the individuals concerned.