

Committee: Finance Committee – For Decision	Date: 10 September 2019
Subject: Bridge House Estates Annual Report and Financial Statements	Public
Report of: The Town Clerk	For Decision
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Summary

At July's meeting of the Finance Committee, the draft Bridge House Estates Annual Report and Financial Statements Paper was withdrawn due to delays with our auditors BDO.

Given the timings of the September meetings of both the Audit and Risk Management Committee (24th) and the Finance Committee (9th), it will not be possible for Finance Committee to authorise the signing of the Annual Report and Financial Statements until October.

As a solution, the respective Chairmen and Deputy Chairmen of both Finance Committee and Audit and Risk Management Committee (ARM) have issued an invitation to all Finance Committee members to attend the September ARM Committee meeting on the 24th at 2pm as "speaking observers" for the item on the BHE Annual Report. ARM members alone would then vote on whether or not to recommend approval of the Report, and the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of Finance Committee would be expected, having taken on board the comments from FC Members, to approve the Paper under delegated authority procedures shortly thereafter.

Recommendation

Members are asked to grant:

Delegated authority to the Town Clerk, in consultation with the Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Finance Committee to approve the Bridge House Estates Annual Report and Financial Statements after consideration at the Audit and Risk Management Committee meeting on the 24th September 2019.

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