

AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Date: Wednesday 28 July 2021
Time: 5.30 pm
Venue: Guildhall, High Street, Exeter

Members are invited to attend the above meeting to consider the items of business.

If you have an enquiry regarding any items on this agenda, please contact Sharon Sissons, Democratic Services Officer on 01392 265115.

Due to social distancing restrictions brought about by the Corona Virus outbreak, this meeting is only open to members.

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Membership -

Councillors Wardle (Chair), Atkinson (Deputy Chair), Begley, Hannaford, Jobson, Mitchell, M, Martin, A, Moore, D, Pearce, Quance, Sparkes and Warwick

Agenda

Part I: Items suggested for discussion with the press and public present

1 **Apologies**

To receive apologies for absence from Committee Members.

2 **Minutes**

To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 10 March 2021.

(Pages 3 -
10)

3 **Declaration of Interests**

Councillors are reminded of the need to declare any discloseable pecuniary interests that relate to business on the agenda and which have not already been included in the register of interests, before any discussion takes place on the item. Unless the interest is sensitive, you must also disclose the nature of the interest. In accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct, you must then leave the room and must not participate in any further discussion on the item.

Councillors requiring clarification should seek the advice of the Monitoring Officer prior to the day of the meeting.

4 **Local Government (Access to Information) Act - Exclusion of Press and Public**

It is considered that the Committee would be unlikely to exclude the press and public during the consideration of the items on the agenda, but if it should wish to so, then the following resolution should be passed:-

RESOLVED that, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the particular items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the relevant paragraph(s) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

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| 5 | External Audit Progress Report and Sector Update
To consider the report of the Council's External Auditor – Grant Thornton. | (Pages 11
- 34) |
| 6 | External Audit Plan 2020/21
To consider the Council's external auditors – Grant Thornton | (Pages 35
- 58) |
| 7 | Informing the Audit Risk Assessment Report
To consider the report of the Council's External Auditors – Grant Thornton | (Pages 59
- 84) |
| 8 | Annual Internal Audit Progress Report
To consider the report of the Audit Managers. | (Pages 85
- 110) |
| 9 | Annual Governance Statement 2020/21
To consider the report of the Director of Finance. | (Pages
111 - 126) |
| 10 | Review of Corporate Governance Risk Register
To consider the report of the Chief Executive & Growth Director. | (Pages
127 - 142) |

Date of Next Meeting

The next **Audit and Governance Committee** will be held on Wednesday 29 September 2021 at 5.30 pm

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