

## **AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

Date: Wednesday 26 July 2023  
Time: 5.30 pm  
Venue: Rennes Room, Civic Centre, Paris 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.

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### *Membership -*

Councillors Wardle (Chair), Jobson (Deputy Chair), Allcock, Atkinson, Branston, Ellis-Jones, Fullam, Miller, Mitchell, M, Moore, D, Patrick and Williams

### 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 8th March 2023.

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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 this agenda, but if it should wish to do 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 item(s) of business

on the grounds that it (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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| <b>5</b>  | <b>External Audit Progress Report</b><br>To consider the report of the Council's External Auditor.         | (Pages 15<br>- 30) |
| <b>6</b>  | <b>Publication of the 2022/23 Statement of Accounts</b><br>To consider the report of the Director Finance. | (Pages 31<br>- 36) |
| <b>7</b>  | <b>Internal Audit Charter</b><br>To consider the report of the Audit Manager.                              | (Pages 37<br>- 52) |
| <b>8</b>  | <b>Annual Internal Audit Report</b><br>To consider the report of the Audit Manager.                        | (Pages 53<br>- 70) |
| <b>9</b>  | <b>Annual Audit Governance Statement 2022/23</b><br>To consider the report of the Director Finance.        | (Pages 71<br>- 84) |
| <b>10</b> | <b>Review of the Corporate Risk Register</b><br>To consider the report of the Director Finance.            | (Pages 85<br>- 88) |

#### **Date of Next Meeting**

The next **Audit and Governance Committee** will be held on Wednesday 27 September 2023 at 5.30 pm

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