

AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Date: Wednesday 29 November 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, Fullam, Miller, Mitchell, M, Moore, D, Patrick, Snow and Williams, M

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 27 September 2023.

(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 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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| 5 | External Audit Progress Report and Sector Update
To consider the report of the Council's External Auditor. (Grant Thornton) | (Pages 11
- 32) |
| 6 | External Auditors - Interim Audit Findings Report 2021/22
To consider the report of the Council's External Auditor. (Grant Thornton) | (Pages 33
- 64) |
| 7 | Statement of Accounts 2021/22
To consider the report of the Director Finance. | (Pages 65
- 218) |
| 8 | Management Letter of Representation
To consider the report of the Director Finance. | (Pages
219 - 222) |
| 9 | Internal Audit Progress Report
To consider the report of the Audit Managers. | (Pages
223 - 244) |
| 10 | Local Government Ombudsman's Annual Review of Complaints 2022-23
To consider the report of Corporate Manager (Executive Support). | (Pages
245 - 264) |
| 11 | Review of Corporate Risk Register
To consider the report of the Director Finance. | (Pages
265 - 278) |

Date of Next Meeting

The next **Audit and Governance Committee** will be held on Wednesday 6 March 2024 at 5.30 pm

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