

AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Date: Wednesday 1 December 2021
Time: 5.30 pm
Venue: The Customer Service Centre, Civic Centre Exeter

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

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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 November 2021.

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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."

5 External Audit Progress Report and Sector Update

To consider a verbal update of the Council's External Auditor Grant Thornton.

6 Internal Audit Progress Report

To consider the report of the Audit Managers.

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7 Decision to Opt In to to the National External Audit Tender

To consider the report of the Director Finance.

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8 Extension of the Appointment of the Council' two Independent Persons

To consider the report of the Director Corporate Services.

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9 Review of Corporate Governance Risk Register

To consider the report of the Chief Executive & Growth Director.

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Date of Next Meeting

The next **Audit and Governance Committee** will be held on Wednesday 9 March 2022 at 5.30 pm

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