

AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Date: Wednesday 27 July 2022
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), Moore, D (Deputy Chair), Allcock, Branston, Ellis-Jones, Leadbetter, Mitchell, M, Packham, Rees, Snow, Sutton 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 9 March 2022.

(Pages 3 -
8)

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 Auditors – Grant Thornton. | (Pages 9 -
26) |
| 6 | External Audit Plan 2021/22
To consider the report of the Council's External Auditors - Grant Thornton. | (Pages 27
- 50) |
| 7 | Informing the Risk Assessment
To consider the report of the External Auditors – Grant Thornton. | |
| 8 | Annual Report of Internal Audit for the Year to 31 March 2022
To consider the report of the Audit Managers. | (Pages 51
- 76) |
| 9 | Review and Update of Whistleblowing Policy
To consider the report of the Audit Managers. | (Pages 77
- 88) |
| 10 | Annual Governance Statement 2021/22
To consider the report of the Director of Finance. | (Pages 89
- 102) |
| 11 | Homes England Compliance Audit
To receive the report of the Assistant Director Housing (CS) | (Pages
103 - 110) |
| 12 | Review of Corporate Governance Risk Register
To consider the report of the Chief Executive & Growth Director. | (Pages
111 - 124) |
| 13 | City Council Net Zero Risk Register
To consider the report of the Director Net Zero & City Management. | (Pages
125 - 134) |

Date of Next Meeting

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