

AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Date: Wednesday 24 July 2024
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 Liz Smith, Democratic Services Officer on 01392 265 425.

Entry to the Civic Centre can be gained through the rear entrance, located at the rear of the Customer Services Centre, Paris Street.

Membership -

Councillors Wardle (Chair), Jobson (Deputy Chair), Atkinson, Begley, Ketchin, Knott, Miller, Mitchell, M, Moore, Palmer, Patrick 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 6 March 2024.

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(s) 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
To consider the report of the Council's External Auditor. | (Pages 5 -
22) |
| 6 | Informing the Audit Risk Assessment 2023/24
To consider the report of the Strategic Director of Corporate Resources. | (Pages 23
- 54) |
| 7 | Annual Governance Statement 2023/24
To consider the report of the Strategic Director of Corporate Resources. | (Pages 55
- 72) |
| 8 | Code of Corporate Governance 2024/25
To consider the report of the Strategic Director of Corporate Resources. | (Pages 73
- 88) |
| 9 | Annual Internal Audit Report
To consider the report of the Audit Managers. | (Pages 89
- 126) |
| 10 | Review of Corporate Governance Risk Register
To consider the report of the Strategic Director of Corporate Resources. | (Pages
127 - 130) |

Date of Next Meeting

The next **Audit and Governance Committee** meeting will be held on Wednesday 25 September 2024 at 5.30 pm

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