

AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Date: Wednesday 19 March 2025
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-Boam, 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 12 February 2025.

(Pages 5 -
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 Act 1972 - Exclusion of Press and Public

It is considered that the Committee would be unlikely to exclude the press and public during consideration of any of the items on the agenda, but if it should wish to do so, the following resolution should be passed:-

RECOMMENDED that, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the consideration of the particular item(s) on the grounds that it (they) involve(s) the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the relevant paragraphs of Part 1, Schedule 12A of the Act

Or

RESOLVED that, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of items XX and XX on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 4 of Part I, Schedule 12A of the Act.

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| 5 | Internal Audit Plan 2025/26
To consider the report of the Audit Managers. | (Pages 9 - 30) |
| 6 | Internal Audit Progress Report
To consider the report of the Audit Managers. | (Pages 31 - 50) |
| 7 | Response to Limited Assurance Audit Report
To receive the report of the Strategic Director for Corporate Resources. | (Pages 51 - 78) |
| 8 | Review of Corporate Risk Register
To consider the report of the Strategic Director for Corporate Resources. | (Pages 79 - 110) |
| 9 | Local Government Ombudsman Annual Review of Complaints
To receive the report of the Monitoring Officer. | (Pages 111 - 128) |
| 10 | Code of Corporate Governance 2025/26
To receive the report of the Strategic Director for Corporate Resources. | (Pages 129 - 144) |
| 11 | Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 update
To receive the report of the Monitoring Officer. | (Pages 145 - 180) |
| 12 | Corporate Net Zero Risk Register
To receive the report of the Net Zero Project Manager. | (Pages 181 - 190) |
| 13 | Governance Sounding Board
To determine membership of the Governance Sounding Board. | |

Part II: Items suggested for discussion with the press and public excluded

Date of Next Meeting

The next **Audit and Governance Committee** will be held on Thursday 17 April 2025 at 5.30 pm

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