

AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Date: Thursday 4 September 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.

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Membership –

Councillors Wardle (Chair), Moore (Deputy Chair), Atkinson, Banyard, Begley, Holland, Knott, Miller-Boam, Mitchell, M, Payne, 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 special meeting held on 17 July 2025 and the ordinary meeting held on 24 July 2025. (Pages 3 - 12)

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.

5 External Audit Progress Report

To consider the report of the Council's External Auditor (Pages 13 - 36)

6 Internal Audit Progress Report

To consider the report of the Assistant Director, SWAP. (Pages 37 - 54)

7 Limited Assurance Report

To consider the report of the Head of Service Finance (Pages 55 - 70)

8 Amendments to the Council Financial Regulations

To receive the report of the Strategic Director for Corporate Resources. (Pages 71 - 114)

9 Net Zero Risk Register Report

To hear the report of the Strategic Director of Place. (Pages 115 - 124)

Date of Next Meeting

The next **Audit and Governance Committee** will be held on Thursday 27 November 2025 at 5.30 pm

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