



## AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Date: Wednesday 11 February 2026

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 Josie McDonald, Democratic Services Officer on 01392 265 354.

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*Membership –*

Councillors Wardle (Chair), Moore (Deputy Chair), Atkinson, Banyard, Begley, Holland, Knott, Miller-Boam, Mitchell, M, Palmer 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 27 November 2025.

(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 disclosure 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.

**5 Local Government Ombudsman Annual Review of Complaints**

To receive the report of the Monitoring Officer.

(Pages 9 - 24)

**6 External Audit Findings Report 2024/25**

To consider the report of the Council's External Auditor

(Pages 25 - 82)

**7 Statement of Accounts 2024/25**

To receive the report of the Strategic Director for Corporate Resources.

(Pages 83 - 236)

**8 Management Letter of Representation**

To consider the report of the Strategic Director for Corporate Resources.

(Pages 237 - 240)

**Date of Next Meeting**

The next **Audit and Governance Committee** will be held on Thursday 26 March 2026 at 5.30 pm

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