



NOTICE OF MEETING

Meeting:	Audit Committee
Date and Time:	Tuesday 22 March 2022 7.00 pm
Place:	Council Chamber
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Members:	Blewett, Crookes, Davies, Farmer, Southern and Wildsmith

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AGENDA

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1 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (Pages 4 -8)

The Minutes of the meeting held on 7th December 2021 are attached to be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive any apologies for absence from Members*.

***Note:** Members are asked to email Committee Services in advance of the meeting as soon as they become aware they will be absent.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To declare disclosable pecuniary, and any other, interests*.

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4 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

5 AUDIT RESULTS REPORT FOR 2020/21 (Pages 9 - 65)

The purpose of this report is to provide the Council's External Auditors with the opportunity to report the key findings of their audit to those charged with governance prior, to issuing their opinion on the 2020/21 Statement Accounts.

RECOMMENDATION

That Members agree to any uncorrected misstatements in the Annual Results Report (**APPENDIX 1**) remaining uncorrected.

That Members formally note the opinion of the Auditors on the draft Statement of Accounts.

That in all other respects the report of the External Auditors be noted.

6 ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (Pages 66 - 90)

The purpose of this report is to inform the Committee of the content of the final Annual Governance Statement for 2020/21 and seek its approval.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee approves the Annual Governance Statement 2020/21.

7 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS/LETTER OF REPRESENTATION (Pages 91 - 217)

To report to Members the position of the EY LLP audit of the statements and any amendments arising from the audit.

RECOMMENDATION

That delegated authority is given to the Chair of Audit Committee in consultation with the Head of Corporate Services for the final approval of the 2020/21 Statement of accounts and letter of representation.

8 INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT (Pages 218 - 262)

To update the Committee on Internal Audit work carried out between November 2021 and February 2022

RECOMMENDATION

That the Internal Audit work completed between November 2021 and February 2022 be noted.

9 INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN 2022/23 (Pages 263 - 265)

To inform members of the content of the 2022/23 Internal Audit Plan, attached as Appendix A

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee approves the Internal Audit Plan for 2022/23.

10 WHISTLEBLOWING POLICY (Pages 266 - 273)

To Inform members of updated to the content of the Whistleblowing Policy (See Appendix A)

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee notes the updates to the Whistleblowing policy

11 RISK MANAGEMENT UPDATE (Pages 274 - 275)

The purpose of this report is to provide the Committee with an update on the effectiveness of the Council's risk management framework.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee notes the effectiveness of the risk management framework.

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