

# Agenda for Audit and Governance Committee Wednesday, 27th November, 2024, 10.30 am

## Members of Audit and Governance Committee

Councillors:

**Venue:** Council Chamber, Blackdown House

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- 1 Minutes of the previous meeting (Pages 3 - 5)  
To discuss any matters arising from the previous Minutes.
- 2 Apologies
- 3 Declarations on interest  
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- 4 Public speaking  
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- 5 Matters of urgency  
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- 6 Confidential/exempt item(s)  
To agree any items to be dealt with after the public (including the Press) have been excluded. There is one item which officers recommend should be dealt with in this way.

## Matters for Decision

- 7 **Internal Audit Charter and Mandate** (Pages 6 - 15)
- 8 **Internal Audit Progress report** (Pages 16 - 43)
- 9 **DRAFT Disclaimers of opinion due to Backstop 2021-22 and 2022-23**  
(Pages 44 - 64)
- 10 **Statement of Accounts (Final) 2021/22 and 2022/23** (Pages 65 - 66)

- 11 **Interim Auditors Annual Value for Money report 2023/24** (Pages 67 - 114)
- 12 **Financial Monitoring report 2024/25 - Month 5 August** (Pages 115 - 116)
- 13 **Delivery Plan for Corporate Fraud, Corruption and Compliance Strategy** (Pages 117 - 138)
- 14 **Self - assessment of good practice against CIPFA's Position Statement: Audit Committees in Local Authorities and Police 2022** (Pages 139 - 144)
- 15 **Partnership Policy report** (Pages 145 - 146)
- 16 **Annual Government Statement 2023/24** (Pages 147 - 161)
- 17 **Audit and Governance Forward Plan** (Pages 162 - 163)
- 18 **Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985 - Exclusion of Press and Public**

**The Vice Chair to move the following:**

“that under Section 100(A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public (including the press) be excluded from the meeting as exempt information, of the description set out on the agenda, is likely to be disclosed and on balance the public interest is in discussing this item in private session (Part B)”.

**Part B Matters for Decision**

- 19 Internal Audit Review of Housing Procurement (Pages 164 - 176)

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