

Agenda for Audit and Governance Committee

Thursday, 24th October, 2019, 2.30 pm



Members of Audit and Governance Committee

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1 Public speaking

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2 Minutes of the previous meeting (Pages 3 - 6)

Minutes for 25 July 2019

3 Apologies

4 Declarations on interest

Guidance is available online to Councillors and co-opted members on making [declarations of interest](#)

5 Matters of urgency - External Audit Findings report 2018/19 and Letter of Representation (Pages 7 - 47)

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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 are no items which officers recommend should be dealt with in this way.

Matters for Decision

7 **Statement of Accounts 2018/19 including Governance Statement** (Pages 48 - 49)

The Council's Statement of Accounts for 2018/19 has now been audited and is attached for presentation to the Audit & Governance Committee for approval.

8 SWAP Internal Audit Activity - Quarter 2 2019/20 (Pages 50 - 65)

The Audit and Governance Committee agreed the 2019-20 Internal Audit Plan at its March 2019 meeting. This report is to provide an update on the 2019/20 Internal Audit Plan as at end of September 2019.

9 Partnership Register (Pages 66 - 69)

Partnership information for the 2018/19 financial year until March 2019 is supplied to allow the Audit and Governance Committee to monitor the status of the council's partnerships. This follows the year-end review of partnerships by responsible officers for 2018/19.

10 Expenditure on consultants and agency staff 2018/19 (Pages 70 - 76)

As requested at Audit and Governance, this report details capital and revenue spend on consultants and specialist advice and agency staff for 2018/19.

11 RIPA update

At the meeting of 18th January 2018, Members agreed to receive an update on RIPA activity throughout the year. The RIPA Senior Responsible Officer advised that there had been no requests for RIPA authorisation since the last committee.

12 Audit and Governance Forward Plan (Page 77)

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