



Audit Committee

Date: Tuesday, 13 October 2020
Time: 11.00 am – **Please note change of start time**
Venue: Virtual meeting - https://manchester.public-i.tv/core/portal/webcast_interactive/485322

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Membership of the Audit Committee

Councillors - Ahmed Ali (Chair), Clay, Lanchbury, Russell, Stanton and Watson

Independent Co-opted Members – Dr S Downs and Dr D Barker

Agenda

- 1. Urgent Business**
To consider any items which the Chair has agreed to have submitted as urgent.
- 2. Appeals**
To consider any appeals from the public against refusal to allow inspection of background documents and/or the inclusion of items in the confidential part of the agenda.
- 3. Interests**
To allow Members an opportunity to [a] declare any personal, prejudicial or disclosable pecuniary interests they might have in any items which appear on this agenda; and [b] record any items from which they are precluded from voting as a result of Council Tax/Council rent arrears; [c] the existence and nature of party whipping arrangements in respect of any item to be considered at this meeting. Members with a personal interest should declare that at the start of the item under consideration. If Members also have a prejudicial or disclosable pecuniary interest they must withdraw from the meeting during the consideration of the item.
- 4. Minutes** 5 - 12
To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 15 September 2020.
- 5. Risk Management Strategy and Corporate Risk Register: Audit and Risk - to follow**
- 6. External Auditor - Update report** 13 - 22
The report of the Council's external auditor (Mazars) is enclosed.
- 7. Exclusion of Public**
The officers consider that the following item contains exempt information as provided for in the Local Government Access to Information Act and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information. The Committee is recommended to agree the necessary resolutions excluding the public from the meeting during consideration of these items. At the time this agenda is published no representations have been that this part of the meeting should be open to the public.
- 8. Audit Quality Review - Inspection Report** 23 - 26
Report of the Council's external auditor.

Information about the Committee

The Committee is responsible for approving the Council's statement of accounts; considering the Audit Commission's Annual Audit and Inspection Letter and monitoring the Council's response to individual issues of concern identified in it. The Committee also considers the Council's annual review of the effectiveness of its systems of internal control and assurance over the Council's corporate governance and risk management arrangements, and engages with the external auditor and external inspection agencies to ensure that there are effective relationships between external and internal audit.

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