

Audit Committee

Date: Thursday, 26 November 2020 Time: 11.00 am Venue: Virtual meeting - https://youtu.be/YDf4BnZaUx4

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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 To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 13 October 2020.	5 - 8
5.	Final Statement of Accounts 2019/20 - to follow	
6.	External Auditor Report on the Accounts 2091/20 - to follow	
7.	Risk Review Item: Adults Audit and Assurance Report - to follow	
8.	Interim Treasury Management Report The report of the Deputy Chief Executive and City Treasurer is enclosed.	9 - 28
9.	2020/21 Annual Governance Statement (AGS) – Summary of Progress to Date	29 - 50
10.	Register of Significant Partnerships: Governance Improvement Progress for Partnerships with Low or Medium Strength ratings	51 - 64

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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