



Audit Committee

Date: Tuesday, 28 September 2021

Time: 10.00 am

Venue: Council Chamber, Level 2, Town Hall Extension

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Membership of the Audit Committee

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

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 - 10
To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 27 July 2021.
5. **External Audit Progress report** 11 - 20
The report of the External Auditors is enclosed.
6. **Review of internal Audit and Quality Assurance Improvement Programme (QAIP)**
The report of the Deputy Chief Executive and City Treasurer **will follow**.
7. **Annual Counter Fraud report [Public Excluded]**
The report of the Head of Internal Audit and Risk **will follow**.

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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