

AGENDA FOR
AUDIT COMMITTEE



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To: All Members of Audit Committee

Councillors : A Arif, D Berry, I Gartside, M Hayes,
L McBriar, E Moss, M Rubinstein and M Whitby (Chair)

Dear Member/Colleague

Audit Committee

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Audit Committee which will be held as follows:-

Date:	Wednesday, 6 March 2024
Place:	Town Hall
Time:	7.00 pm
Briefing Facilities:	If Opposition Members and Co-opted Members require briefing on any particular item on the Agenda, the appropriate Director/Senior Officer originating the related report should be contacted.
Notes:	

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1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members of the Audit Committee are asked to consider whether they have an interest in any of the matters on the agenda and, if so, to formally declare that interest.

3 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING *(Pages 5 - 10)*

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Audit Committee held on 14th December 2024 are attached.

4 MATTERS ARISING *(Pages 11 - 16)*

The Interim Section 151 be instructed to raise concerns in respect of the external auditors BDO at the next Treasures meeting.

5 ADDRESSING THE LOCAL AUDIT BACKLOG - CONSULTATION *(Pages 17 - 40)*

Reports attached.

6 EXTERNAL AUDIT UPDATE

A verbal update will be given at the meeting.

7 INTERNAL AUDIT STRATEGY AND PLAN 2024/25 *(Pages 41 - 70)*

8 INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT *(Pages 71 - 110)*

A report from the Head of Financial Management is attached.
Appendix A attached
Appendix B attached

9 RISK REGISTER *(Pages 111 - 210)*

Report attached
Appendix A Corporate Risk Register – attached
Appendix B Risk Matrix
Appendix C Deep Dive Report

10 IG UPDATE *(Pages 211 - 218)*

Report attached.

11 DISCRETIONARY GRANT REPORT *(Pages 219 - 242)*

Report attached
Appendix 1 attached

Appendix 2 attached

12 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

To consider passing the appropriate resolution under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business since they involve the likely disclosure of the exempt information stated.

13 INTERNAL AUDIT REPORTS *(Pages 243 - 268)*

Report attached

14 INTERNAL AUDIT SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS *(Pages 269 - 274)*

Report from the S.151 Officer attached

15 FRAUD PLAN 23.24 *(Pages 275 - 288)*

Report from S.151 officer attached
Appendix A Attached

16 FRAUD 24.25 *(Pages 289 - 296)*

Report from the Section 151 officer attached
Appendix attached

17 MEMBERS' FEEDBACK