AGENDA FOR





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To: All Members of Audit Committee

Councillors: R Bernstein, D Berry, I Gartside, M Hayes, J Hook, G McGill, E Moss (Chair), M Rahimov and M Rubinstein

Mr B Thomas – Independent Member Mr D Webster – Independent Member

Dear Member/Colleague

Audit Committee

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

Date:	Wednesday, 23 July 2025
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 - 16)

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Audit Committee held on 8th April 2025, are attached for approval by the committee

4 MATTERS ARISING

5 COUNCIL IMPROVEMENT PLAN (Pages 17 - 36)

Report from the Director of Finance attached

6 MAZARS PROGRESS REPORT (Pages 37 - 60)

Report from Mazars is attached. Alistair Newall, Audit Director, Mazars will present the report.

7 INTERNAL AUDIT ANNUAL REPORT 2024/2025 (Pages 61 - 80)

Report from the Head of Fraud, Audit, Insurance and Risk (FAIR) is attached

8 CORPORATE RISK REGISTER (Pages 81 - 134)

Report from the Section 151 Officer attached Appendix A Appendix B

9 INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT (Pages 135 - 158)

Report from the Section 151 Officer attached

Appendix A

Appendix B

Appendix C

10 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.

11 INTERNAL AUDIT REPORTS (Pages 159 - 166)

Report from the Section 151 Officer attached

12 INTERNAL AUDIT - INVESTIGATIONS (Pages 167 - 170)

Report from the Section 151 Officer attached

13 COUNTER FRAUD TEAM QUARTER 1 REPORT (Pages 171 - 180)

Report from the Section 151 Officer is attached Appendix A