

**AGENDA FOR
AUDIT COMMITTEE**



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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,
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:	Tuesday, 17 February 2026
Place:	Town Hall – Meeting Room A & B
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 - 14)*

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Audit Committee held on

4 MATTERS ARISING

5 COUNCIL IMPROVEMENT PLAN *(Pages 15 - 28)*

Report from S.151 Officer attached

6 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2024/25 *(Pages 29 - 286)*

Report from the Director of Finance attached
Appendix 1 – 2024/25 Audit Strategy and Completion Report – Report from Forvis Mazars attached
Appendix 2 - 2025/25 Audited Statement of Accounts - attached
Appendix 3 – 2024/25 Annual Governance Statement - attached

7 INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT *(Pages 287 - 312)*

Report from S.151 Officer attached
Appendix A Attached
Appendix B Attached
Appendix C Attached

8 TERMS OF REFERENCE *(Pages 313 - 324)*

Report attached
Draft Terms of Reference attached

9 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.

10 INTERNAL AUDIT REPORTS & FOLLOW UPS *(Pages 325 - 334)*

Report from the S.151 Officer attached

11 INTERNAL AUDIT - INVESTIGATIONS *(Pages 335 - 340)*

Report from the S.151 Officer attached