

Tuesday, 15 March 2022

AUDIT COMMITTEE

A meeting of **Audit Committee** will be held on

Wednesday, 23 March 2022

commencing at **2.00 pm**

The meeting will be held in the Meadfoot Room, Town Hall, Castle Circus,
Torquay, TQ1 3DR

Members of the Committee

Councillor Loxton (Chairman)

Councillor Brooks

Councillor Johns

Councillor Douglas-Dunbar

Councillor Kennedy (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Hill

Councillor O'Dwyer

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AUDIT COMMITTEE AGENDA

1. **Apologies**
To receive any apologies for absence, including notifications of any changes to the membership of the Committee.
2. **Minutes** (Pages 4 - 8)
To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Audit Committee and Adjourned Audit Committee held on 26 and 31 January 2022.
3. **Declarations of interests**
 - (a) To receive declarations of non pecuniary interests in respect of items on this agenda
For reference: Having declared their non pecuniary interest members may remain in the meeting and speak and, vote on the matter in question. A completed disclosure of interests form should be returned to the Clerk before the conclusion of the meeting.
 - (b) To receive declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of items on this agenda
For reference: Where a Member has a disclosable pecuniary interest he/she must leave the meeting during consideration of the item. However, the Member may remain in the meeting to make representations, answer questions or give evidence if the public have a right to do so, but having done so the Member must then immediately leave the meeting, may not vote and must not improperly seek to influence the outcome of the matter. A completed disclosure of interests form should be returned to the Clerk before the conclusion of the meeting.

(**Please Note:** If Members and Officers wish to seek advice on any potential interests they may have, they should contact Governance Support or Legal Services prior to the meeting.)
4. **Urgent Items**
To consider any other items that the Chairman decides are urgent.
5. **Informing the Audit Risk Assessment** (Pages 9 - 36)
To consider a report on the above.
6. **External Audit Plan** (Pages 37 - 60)
To consider the Council's External Auditors Audit Plan.
7. **Internal Audit Strategy and Charter** (Pages 61 - 80)
To consider a report on the Internal Audit Charter and Strategy which sets out how the internal audit service will be delivered and developed and how it links to the organisational objectives and priorities.

8. **Internal Audit Plan 2022/23** (Pages 81 - 95)
To consider a report on the Internal Audit Plan which sets out the proposed internal audit activity for the year and an outline scope of coverage.
9. **Exclusion of the Press and Public**
To consider passing a resolution to exclude the press and public from the meeting prior to consideration of the following item on the agenda on the grounds that exempt information (as defined in Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended)) is likely to be disclosed.
10. **Planning, Housing and Climate Emergency - Service of the Future Project** (Pages 96 - 120)
As requested at the Adjourned Audit Committee held on 31 January 2022, further details of the Planning, Housing and Climate Emergency – Service of the Future Project are provided for Members consideration.

Meeting Attendance

Whilst national Covid-19 restrictions were lifted on 19 July 2021, Torbay Council has taken the decision to continue operating in a Covid-19 secure manner in order to protect staff and visitors entering Council buildings and to help reduce the spread of Covid-19 in Torbay. This includes social distancing and other protective measures (e.g. wearing a face covering (unless exempt), signing in and using hand sanitiser). Our public meetings will continue to operate with social distancing measures in place and as such there are limited numbers that can access our meeting rooms. Also, to help prevent the spread of the virus, anyone attending meetings is asked to take Covid lateral flow test the evening before - if you have a positive test result please follow the Government's guidelines and do not attend the meeting.

If you wish to attend a public meeting please contact us to confirm arrangements for your attendance.