# TORBAY COUNCIL

Tuesday, 19 July 2022

# AUDIT COMMITTEE

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

Wednesday, 27 July 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 Douglas-Dunbar Councillor Hill Councillor Johns Councillor Kennedy (Vice-Chair) 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

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Audit Committee held on 11 and 25 May 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. Annual Governance Statement 2021-22

To consider a report that sets out the draft Annual Governance Statement 2021-22.

#### 6. Local Government Association and Local Partnerships : Review of Wholly Owned Companies 2021 - Action Plan Monitoring

To consider an update on the progress made on implementing the Local Government Association and Local Partnerships : Review of Wholly Owned Companies 2021 Action Plan.

### 7. Exclusion of the Press and Public

To consider passing a resolution to exclude the press and public

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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.

#### 8. Management Accounts - SWISCo

At the meeting of the Audit Committee on 6 December 2021, it was resolved that the Audit Committee would receive copies of the Management Accounts for SWISCo twice a year.

(Note: The Management Accounts for SWISCo are exempt as the public statutory accounts will not be available until the Autumn.)

#### **Meeting Attendance**

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 whilst moving around the building (unless exempt), the face covering can be removed once seated 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. If you have symptoms, including runny nose, sore throat, fever, new continuous cough and loss of taste and smell please do not come into the office.

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

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