Tuesday, 20 September 2022

AUDIT COMMITTEE

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

Wednesday, 28 September 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 (Pages 4 - 9)

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the meetings of the Audit Committee held on 27 July and 3 August 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. Treasury Management Mid - Year Review 2022/23 To consider a report that reviews the Treasury Management activities during the first part of 2022/23.

(Pages 10 - 27)

6. Torbay Council Audit Progress Report and Sector Update To note a report that provides an update on progress made by Grant Thornton in delivering their responsibilities as the Council's external auditors.

(Pages 28 - 39)

7. HR Investigations and Whistleblow

(Pages 40 - 46)

To consider a report that provides a high level summary of the number of HR investigations and Whistleblow investigations in the year 2022.

Meeting Attendance

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