

Tuesday, 19 March 2024

AUDIT COMMITTEE

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

Wednesday, 27 March 2024

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 Penny (Chairman)

Councillor Brook (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Fellows

Councillor Harvey

Councillor Hutchings

Councillor Long

Councillor Maddison

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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 - 6)
To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Audit Committee held on 24 January 2024.
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. **External Audit of Accounts** (Verbal Report)
To receive an update on the external audit of accounts.
6. **Addressing the Audit Backlog in England: Consultation** (Pages 7 - 40)
To note a report that provides an update on the recent Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities (DLUHC) consultation which sought views on amending the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 as part of a package of cross-system measures to clear the backlog of audits and to put the system on a sustainable footing.
7. **Internal Audit Charter and Strategy** (Pages 41 - 60)
To note a report on the Internal Audit Charter and Strategy.

- 8. Internal Audit Plan 2024-25** (Pages 61 - 72)
To consider a report that sets out the Internal Audit Plan for 2024-25.
- 9. Risk Management Update** (Pages 73 - 89)
To consider a report that provides members an update on the Council's current risk position and overall risk management arrangements.
- 10. Performance Update: Collection of Council Tax & Non-Domestic Rates** (Pages 90 - 94)
To note the report on the above.
- 11. Audit Committee Work Programme 2024/2025** (Pages 95 - 96)
To note the Audit Committee work programme for 2024/2025.