

Tuesday, 21 October 2025

AUDIT COMMITTEE

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

Wednesday, 29 October 2025

commencing at **2.00 pm**

The meeting will be held in the Banking Hall, Castle Circus entrance on the left corner of the Town Hall, Castle Circus, Torquay, TQ1 3DR

Members of the Committee

Councillor Penny (Chair)

Councillor Brook (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Fellows

Councillor Long

Councillor Maddison

Mr Hawkes (Independent Person)

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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 5 - 8)
To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Audit Committee held on 8 September 2025.
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. **2025/26 Treasury Management Mid-Year Review** (Pages 9 - 30)
To consider a report on the Treasury Management Mid – Year Review 2025/26.
6. **Audit Committee Progress Report and Sector Update (Grant Thornton) - Verbal update**
To receive a verbal update on the above.
7. **2024/25 Draft Statement of Accounts** (Pages 31 - 32)
To consider a report on the above.
8. **Whistleblowing Complaints and HR Investigations** (Pages 33 - 54)
To note the report on the above.

- 9. Internal Audit Report and Management Action Plan on Counter Fraud (Risk Assessments)**
To consider a report on the above.
- 10. Counter Fraud and Error - 6 monthly Update** (Pages 55 - 68)
To consider a report that provides an update on counter fraud activity for the period 1 April 2025 to 30 September 2025, including progress against the 2024/26 Counter Fraud Plan.
- 11. Strategic and Corporate Risk Report** (Pages 69 - 90)
To note a report that provides an update on the Council's current risk position and notable information with regards to the Council's overall risk management arrangements.
- 12. Audit Committee Workplan** (Pages 91 - 94)
To note the Audit Committee's work plan for the remainder of the 2025/2026 Municipal Year.