

Tuesday, 10 February 2026

AUDIT COMMITTEE

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

Wednesday, 18 February 2026

commencing at **10.00 am**

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 Maddison

Councillor Fellows

Conservative Group Vacancy

Councillor Long

Independent Person Mr Kristian Hawkes

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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 - 10)
To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Audit Committee held on 29 October 2026.
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. **Risk Assurance Report For Our Integrated Adult Social Care Services** (Pages 11 - 20)
On 8 September 2025 Audit Committee considered the Risk Assurance Report For Our Integrated Adult Social Care Services and requested a representative from Audit South West attend and respond to questions.

The report and appendices considered by the Audit Committee held on 8 September 2025 have been re-circulated for Members reference.
6. **Risk Management Update** (Pages 21 - 42)
To note a report on the Council's current risk position and overall

risk management arrangements.

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| 7. | Treasury Management Strategy 2026/27
To consider a report on the Treasury Management Strategy. | (Pages 43 - 82) |
| 8. | Counter Fraud and Corruption Strategy and Counter Fraud and Corruption Policy
To consider a report on the above. | (Pages 83 - 114) |
| 9. | Council Subsidiaries - Governance & Finances Update
To consider a report on the above. | (To Follow) |
| 10. | Internal Audit Interim Progress Report 2025-2026
To consider a report that provides a summary of the performance against the Internal Audit plan for the 2025/26 financial year to date, highlighting the key areas of work undertaken and summarising the main findings and recommendations aimed at improving controls. | (Pages 115 - 134) |
| 11. | Auditor's Annual Report Year ending 31 March 2025
To consider a report that sets out a summary of all the work undertaken by Grant Thornton for Torbay Council during 2024/25 as the appointed external auditor. | (Pages 135 - 178) |
| 12. | 2024-2025 Torbay Council Audit Findings Report
To consider a report on the above. | (To Follow) |
| 13. | Audited Statement of Accounts 2024/25
To consider a report that presents the audited Statement of Accounts for 2024/25 for approval. | (Pages 179 - 348) |
| 14. | Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act (RIPA) Update
To note a report on the above. | (Pages 349 - 350) |
| 15. | Audit Committee Work Programme 2025/2026 | (Pages 351 - 352) |