

Tuesday, 27 October 2026

## **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

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

**Wednesday, 4 November 2026**

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

Vacancy - Conservative Group

Non-Voting Independent Member 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 - 8)  
To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Audit Committee held on 1 September 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. **Torbay Council Progress Report and Sector Update** (Pages 9 - 24)  
To note a report on progress in delivering Grant Thornton's responsibilities as the Council's external auditors.
6. **Treasury Management Mid-Year Review 2026/27** (Pages 25 - 50)  
To consider a report that reviews the Treasury Management activities during the first part of 2026/27.
7. **Counter Fraud Update** (Pages 51 - 116)  
To note a report that provides assurance on how Torbay Council's fraud and error risks were managed during the first half of 2026/27 through the work of Devon Assurance Partnership (DAP) Counter Fraud Services Team.

8. **Counter Fraud Risk Assessments Follow Up 2026-27** (Pages 117 - 126)  
To note the above.
9. **Mid-Year Contract Procedure Waiver Update 2026/27** (Pages 127 - 160)  
To consider a report that sets out the Contract Procedure waiver requests received during the first six months of the 2026/27 financial year.
10. **Internal Audit Report and Progress on Recommendations regarding Temporary Accommodation** (To Follow)  
To consider a report on the above.