

AGENDA

Meeting: Audit and Governance Committee

Place: Kennet Room - County Hall, Bythesea Road, Trowbridge, BA14 8JN

Date: Tuesday 23 July 2024

Time: 1.30 pm

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Part I

Items to be considered while the meeting is open to the public

1 **Apologies**

To receive any apologies or substitutions for the meeting.

2 **Minutes of the Previous Meeting** (*Pages 5 - 18*)

To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 23 April 2024.

3 **Declarations of Interests**

To receive any declarations of disclosable interests or dispensations granted by the Standards Committee.

4 **Chairman's Announcements**

To receive any announcements through the Chairman.

5 **Public Participation**

The Council welcomes contributions from members of the public.

Statements

If you would like to make a statement at this meeting on any item on this agenda, please register to do so at least 10 minutes prior to the meeting. Up to 3 speakers are permitted to speak for up to 3 minutes each on any agenda item. Please contact the officer named on the front of the agenda for any further clarification.

Questions

To receive any questions from members of the public or members of the Council received in accordance with the constitution.

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Details of any questions received will be circulated to Committee members prior to the meeting and made available at the meeting and on the Council's website.

6 **Risk Management** (*Pages 19 - 26*)

To receive a report on risk management.

- 7 **Internal Audit update reports** (*Pages 27 - 36*)
To receive the internal audit updates from SWAP.
- 8 **Annual Governance Statement 2023/24** (*Pages 37 - 60*)
To consider the Annual Governance Statement (AGS) 2023/24.
- 9 **Whistleblowing Policy** (*Pages 61 - 94*)
To consider the update on the Whistleblowing policy.
- 10 **External Audit Plans 2023/24** (*Pages 95 - 132*)
To receive the external audit plans 2023/24 from Grant Thornton.
- 11 **Interim External Auditor's Annual Report** (*Pages 133 - 180*)
To receive the interim external auditor's annual report 2023-24.
- 12 **Statement of Accounts / Backstops update** (*Pages 181 - 186*)
To receive an update on the Statement of Accounts / Backstops.
- 13 **Forward Work Programme** (*Pages 187 - 188*)
To note the Forward Work Programme
- 14 **Date of Next Meeting**
To note that there will be an extraordinary meeting of the Committee (to consider the outstanding Statements of Accounts) on 11 September 2024 at 2.00pm.

To note that the next regular meeting of the Committee will be held on 17 October 2024 at 10.30am.
- 15 **Urgent Items**
Any other items of business, which the Chairman agrees to consider as a matter of urgency.

Part II

Items during whose consideration it is recommended that the public should be excluded because of the likelihood that exempt information would be disclosed

None