

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Date and Time:- Tuesday 26 November 2024 at 2.00 p.m.

Venue:- Rotherham Town Hall, The Crofts, Moorgate Street, Rotherham. S60 2TH

Membership:- Councillors Marshall (Chair), Baggaley (Vice-Chair), Blackham, Elliott and McKiernan.

Ms. A. Hutchinson and Mr. M. Olugbenga-Babalola, Independent Members

The items which will be discussed are described on the agenda below and there are reports attached which give more details.

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AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence

To receive the apologies of any Member who is unable to attend the meeting.

2. Questions from Members of the Public or the Press

To receive questions relating to items of business on the agenda from members of the public or press who are present at the meeting.

3. Declarations of Interest

To receive declarations of interest from Members in respect of items listed on the agenda.

4. Exclusion of the Press and Public

To determine whether the following items should be considered under the categories suggested in accordance with Part 1 of Schedule 12A (as amended 2006) of the Local Government Act 1972 – Agenda Items 6 (Regeneration and Environment Risk Register) and 8 (Asset Management Assessments and Capital Programme Audit) have confidential appendices.

5. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 26th September, 2024 (Pages 5 - 13)

To consider and approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on Thursday, 26th September, 2024, as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

6. Regeneration and Environment Directorate Risk Register (Pages 15 - 34)

To consider and note the progress and current position in relation to risk management activity in Regeneration and Environment.

7. Trading Standards Update (Pages 35 - 38)

To consider and note the progress in completing the actions of the Audit.

8. Asset Management Estimates and Capital Programme Audit Update (Pages 39 - 55)

To consider and note the contents of the report and the appendix.

9. Information Governance Annual Report 2023-24 (Pages 57 - 66)

To consider and note the production of the Data Protection/FOI Annual Report 2023/24 and that it was a requirement that the Council continues its maintenance of its Information Governance practices and processes in compliance with legislation.

10. Audited Final Statement of Accounts (Pages 67 - 221)

To have due regard of the external audit findings, detailed within the ISA 260 report and formally approve the 2023/24 Statement of Accounts (Appendix 1) for publication as final and the 2023/24 Narrative Report (Appendix 2) for publication as final.

11. Final Annual Governance Statement 2023/24 (Pages 223 - 248)

To consider and approve the final 2023/24 Annual Governance Statement.

12. External Audit Findings (ISA 260)

To consider and note the External Audit Findings (ISA 260).

13. Mid-Year Treasury Management and Prudential Indicators Monitoring Report - 2024/25 (Pages 249 - 266)

To consider and note the contents of the report.

14. Code of Corporate Governance (Pages 267 - 297)

To consider the refreshed version of the Code of Corporate Governance and advise if any amendments or further development work deemed necessary.

15. Anti-Money Laundering Policy Review (Pages 299 - 337)

To consider and review the revised Anti-Money Laundering Policy and note the actions being undertaken to review the Council's anti money laundering arrangements.

16. Internal Audit Progress Report for the period 1st August to 31st October 2024 (Pages 339 - 366)

To consider and note the Internal Audit work undertaken since the last Audit Committee, 1st August to 31st October 2024, and the key issues that have arisen from it and the performance objectives of Internal Audit and the actions being taken by Audit management in respect of meeting the performance objectives.

17. Audit Committee Forward Work Plan (Pages 367 - 374)

To consider and review the Forward Work Plan and suggest any amendments.

18. Items for Referral for Scrutiny

To consider the referral of matters for consideration by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board.

19. Urgent Business

To consider any item which the Chair is of the opinion should be considered as a matter of urgency.

**The next meeting of the Audit Committee will be held on:-
Tuesday 14 January 2025
commencing at 2.00 p.m.
in Rotherham Town Hall.**



Sharon Kemp OBE,
Chief Executive.