

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Date and Time:- Tuesday 14 January 2025 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.

Under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for:-

Agenda Item 14 (Corporate Strategic Risk Register – Appendix 1) on the grounds that the appendix involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)).

Agenda Item 15 (Finance and Customer Services Directorate Risk Register) on the grounds that the report involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)).

5. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 26th November, 2024 (Pages 5 - 16)

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

6. Governance, Audit and Risk

Presentation by the Chief Executive

7. Auditors Annual Report on Value for Money (Pages 17 - 60)

8. External Auditor - Transparency Report (Pages 61 - 155)

9. External Auditor - Minimum Revenue Provision (Pages 157 - 158)

10. Final Accounts Closedown and Accounting Policies (Pages 159 - 187)

11. Procurement Governance Audit Progress (Pages 189 - 194)

12. Health & Safety Legislation and Corporate Responsibilities for Council Homes: Smoke and CO Alarms Audit Progress Report (Pages 195 - 198)

13. External Inspections, Reviews and Audits Update (Pages 199 - 219)

14. **Corporate Strategic Risk Register Update (Pages 221 - 237)**

15. **Risk Management Directorate Presentation - Finance and Customer Services (Pages 239 - 260)**

16. **Audit Committee Forward Work Plan (Pages 261 - 267)**

17. **Items for Referral for Scrutiny**

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

18. **Urgent Business**

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

19. **Date and time of next meeting**

The next meeting of the Audit Committee will be held on Tuesday, 11th March, 2025, commencing at 2.00 p.m. in Rotherham Town Hall.

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Sharon Kemp OBE,
Chief Executive.