

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Date and Time:- Tuesday 11 March 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

2. Declarations of Interest

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

3. 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.

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 12 (External Quality Assessment of Internal Audit against the Global Internal Audit Standards (UK Public Sector) – Appendix) on the grounds that it 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 13 (Children and Young People's Services Strategic Risk Register – Appendix 1) on the grounds that it 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 14th January, 2025 (Pages 5 - 14)

To consider and approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on 14th January, 2025, as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

6. Hand-Arm Vibration Update (Pages 15 - 20)

7. Update on implementation of changes in Procurement Legislation (Pages 21 - 28)

8. Treasury Management Quarterly Update and Treasury Management Strategy (Pages 29 - 61)

9. Internal Audit Progress Report (Pages 63 - 91)

10. Internal Audit Annual Plan 2025-26 (Pages 93 - 111)

11. Internal Audit Charter, Internal Audit Quality Assurance and Improvement Programme and Self-Assessment against Public Sector Internal Audit Standards (PSIAS) and the Global Internal Audit Standards (Pages 113 - 171)

12. External Quality Assessment of Internal Audit against the Global Internal Audit Standards (UK Public Sector) (Pages 173 - 181)

13. Risk Management Directorate Presentation - Children and Young People's Services (Pages 183 - 193)

14. Audit Committee Forward Work Plan (Pages 195 - 201)

15. Items for Referral for Scrutiny

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

16. Urgent Business

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


17. Dates and times of Future Meetings

Meetings of the Audit Committee will be held as follows:-

Tuesday, 17th June, 2025
29th July
Thursday, 25th September
Tuesday, 25th November
13th January, 2026
17th March

commencing at 2.00 p.m. in Rotherham Town Hall.

**The next meeting of the Audit Committee will be held on:-
Tuesday 17 June 2025
commencing at 2.00 p.m.
in Rotherham Town Hall.**



Sharon Kemp OBE,
Chief Executive.