

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Date and Time:- Tuesday 29 July 2025 at 2.00 p.m.

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

Membership:- Councillors Baggaley (Chair), Allen (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. 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 item 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 11 (Risk Management Annual Summary 2024-2025 and Corporate Strategic Risk Register Update – 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 17th June, 2025 (Pages 5 - 15)**
To consider and approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on 17th June, 2025, as a true and correct record of the proceedings and to be signed by the Chair.
6. **External Audit Progress Report**
Verbal Update by Grant Thornton
7. **Review of Surveillance and Use of Regulation of Investigatory Powers (Pages 17 - 91)**
8. **High Needs/Safety Valve Programme - 2024-25 (Pages 93 - 102)**
9. **Treasury Management Update – Quarterly Report (Q1) (Pages 103 - 114)**
10. **External Inspections, Reviews and Audits Update (Pages 115 - 134)**
11. **Risk Management Annual Summary 2024-2025 and Corporate Strategic Risk Register Update (Pages 135 - 153)**
12. **Audit Committee Annual Report 2024-25 (Pages 155 - 175)**
13. **Audit Committee Forward Work Plan (Pages 177 - 184)**
14. **Items for Referral for Scrutiny**
To consider the referral of matters for consideration by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board.
15. **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:-
Thursday 25 September 2025
commencing at 2.00 p.m.
in Rotherham Town Hall.**



John Edwards,
Chief Executive.