AUDIT COMMITTEE

Date and Time:- **Tuesday 28 July 2026 at 2.00 p.m.**

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

Membership:- **Councillors Baggaley (Chair), Blackham, Elliott and Monk.**

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. Appointment of Vice-Chair for the 2026/27 Municipal Year (Pages 3 - 7)

2. Apologies for Absence

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

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. Declarations of Interest

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

5. 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 (Risk Management Annual Summary 2025-2026 and Corporate Strategic Risk Register Update) (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)).

6. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 16th June, 2026 (Pages 9 - 20)
To consider and approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on 16th June, 2026, as a true and correct record of the proceedings and to be signed by the Chair.

7. External Audit Update
Representatives of Grant Thornton (External Auditors) to provide any update

8. Update Report on the Use of Surveillance (Pages 21 - 116)
Michelle Scales, Service Manager, Litigation and Practice, to present

9. High Needs/Safety Valve Programme - 2025-26 (Pages 117 - 125)
Joshua Amahwe, Head of Finance CYPS, to present

10. Treasury Management Monitoring Report Q1 2026-27 (Pages 127 - 138)
Rob Mahon, Service Director, Financial Services, to present

11. External Inspections, Reviews, and Audits Update (Pages 139 - 171)
Katie Stead, Policy, Improvement and Risk Manager, to present

12. Risk Management Annual Summary 2025-2026 and Corporate Strategic Risk Register Update (Pages 173 - 198)
Katie Stead, Policy, Improvement and Risk Manager, to present

13. Draft Audit Committee 2025-26 Annual Report (Pages 199 - 219)
Louise Ivens, Head of Internal Audit, to present

14. Audit Committee Forward Work Plan (Pages 221 - 227)
Louise Ivens, Head of Internal Audit, to present

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.

John Edwards,
Chief Executive