

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Date and Time:- Thursday 24 September 2026 at 2.00 p.m.

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

Membership:- Councillors Baggaley (Chair), Ismail (Vice-Chair), 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. 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 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 (Internal Audit Progress Report) (Appendix G) on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 7 of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime)

Agenda Item 13 (Policy, Strategy and Engagement Risk Register) 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 28th July, 2026 (Pages 5 - 14)

To consider and approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on 28th July, 2026, as a true and correct record of the proceedings and to be signed by the Chair.

6. External Audit Progress Report and Sector Update (Pages 15 - 30)

Representations of Grant Thornton (External Auditor) to present

7. Procurement Annual Update Report 2026 (Pages 31 - 54)

Karen Middlebrook, Head of Procurement, to present

8. Information Governance Annual Report (Pages 55 - 66)

Luke Sayers, Service Director, Customer, Information and Digital Services, to report

9. Code of Corporate Governance (Pages 67 - 98)

Katie Stead, Policy, Improvement and Risk Manager, to report

10. Anti-Money Laundering Policy Review (Pages 99 - 136)

Louise Ivens, Head of Internal Audit, to present

11. Counter Fraud Framework including Anti-Fraud and Corruption Policy and Strategy (Pages 137 - 189)

Louise Ivens, Head of Internal Audit, to present

12. Internal Audit Progress Report (Pages 191 - 225)

Louise Ivens, Head of Internal Audit to report

13. Policy, Strategy and Engagement Risk Management Register (Pages 227 - 244)

Katie Stead, Policy, Improvement and Risk Manager, to present

14. Audit Committee Forward Work Plan (Pages 245 - 251)

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.

**The next meeting of the Audit Committee will be held on:-
Tuesday 24 November 2026
commencing at 2.00 p.m.
in Rotherham Town Hall.**



John Edwards,
Chief Executive.