



Meeting: Audit Committee

Members: Councillors and Independent Co-opted Members (non-voting) Cliff Lunn (Chair), Alyson Baker, Philip Broadbank, George Jabbour (Vice-Chair), Mike Jordan, Karin Sedgwick, Neil Swannick, Peter Wilkinson, Felicity Cunliffe-Lister, David Chance, Mr David Marsh and Mr David Portlock

Date: Monday, 23rd September, 2024

Time: 1.30 pm

Venue: Brierley Room, County Hall, Northallerton

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AGENDA

1. **Apologies for Absence and Notification of Substitutes**

2. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 24th June, 2024**

(Pages 5 - 12)

To approve the minutes of the previous meeting.

3. **Declarations of Interest**

All Members are invited to declare at this point any interests they have in items appearing

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on this agenda, including the nature of those interests.

4. Public Participation

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- At this point in the meeting if their questions/statements relate to matters which are not otherwise on the Agenda (subject to an overall time limit of 30 minutes).
- When the relevant Agenda item is being considered if they wish to speak on a matter which is on the Agenda for this meeting.

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5. Progress on Issues Raised by the Committee (Pages 13 - 14)

Joint report of the Corporate Director, Resources and the Assistant Chief Executive (Legal and Democratic Services), attached.

6. Internal Audit and Counter Fraud Progress Report (Pages 15 - 42)

Report of the Head of Internal Audit.

7. External Audit Progress Update (Pages 43 - 58)

Report of the External Auditors, Forvis Mazars, attached.

8. Chairman's Annual Report (Pages 59 - 68)

Report of the Chair of the Audit Committee.

9. Statement of Final Accounts including AGS (including letter of representation) (Pages 69 - 274)

Report of the Corporate Director Resources.

10. Directorate Risk Register - Environment (Pages 275 - 300)

Report of the Corporate Director, Environment.

11. Programme of Work (Pages 301 - 302)

Report of the Corporate Director - Resources

Purpose of report: To identify items of business scheduled for consideration at each of the Committee's forthcoming meetings.

12. Any other Items

Any other items which the Chair agrees should be considered as a matter of urgency because of special circumstances.

13. Date of Next Meeting

Monday 9th December, 2024 at 1.30pm.

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Friday, 13 September 2024