



Meeting: Audit Committee

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

Date: Monday, 9 December 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 23 September 2024:** (Pages 5 - 10)

3. **Declarations of Interest**

All Members are invited to declare at this point any interests they have in items appearing on this agenda, including the nature of those interests.

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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.

If you are exercising your right to speak at this meeting, but do not wish to be recorded, please inform the Chair who will instruct anyone who may be taking a recording to cease while you speak.

5. **Progress on Issues Raised by the Committee**

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

6. **Report of the Corporate Governance Working Group following the review of Legacy County, District and Borough Final Accounts and Audits:** (Pages 11 - 18)

Report of the Corporate Governance Working Group (including various external audit reports), attached.

7. **External Audit Report - NYCC and Pension Fund 2022/23:**

Report of the External Auditors, Deloitte, to follow.

8. **Final accounts audit update - Legacy Councils:** (Pages 19 - 642)

Report of the Corp Director Resources, attached.

9. **External Audit Progress Update 2023/24:** (Pages 643 - 654)

2023/24 Report of the External Auditors, Forvis Mazars, attached.

10. **Audit Committee - terms of reference / effectiveness:** (Pages 655 - 658)

Report of the Corporate Director - Resources, attached.

11. **Directorate risk register - Community Development:** (Pages 659 - 676)

Report of the Corporate Director Community Development, attached.

12. **Directorate risk register - Health and Adults Services:** (Pages 677 - 708)

Report of the Corporate Director - Health and Adult Services.

13. **Procurement and Contract Management - update report:** (Pages 709 - 720)

Report of the Corporate Director - Resources, attached.

14. **Internal Audit Counter Fraud Progress report:** (Pages 721 - 744)

Report of the Head of Internal Audit, attached.

15. **Internal Audit Work Programme - Consultation 2025/26:** (Pages 745 -

Report of the Head of Internal Audit, attached.

16. Programme of Work

(Pages 761 -
762)

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.

17. Any other Items

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

18. Date of Next Meeting

Monday, 17 March 2025 at 13:30 pm.

Members are reminded that in order to expedite business at the meeting and enable Officers to adapt their presentations and address areas causing difficulty, they are encouraged to contact Officers prior to the meeting with questions on technical issues in reports.

Barry Khan
Assistant Chief Executive
(Legal and Democratic Services)

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Friday, 29 November 2024