



Audit and Governance Committee

A meeting of the Audit and Governance Committee will be held at the The Jeffrey Room - The Guildhall, Northampton, NN1 1DE on Tuesday 21 November 2023 at 6.00 pm

Agenda

1.	Apologies for Absence and Notification of Substitute Members
2.	Declarations of Interest Members are asked to declare any interest and the nature of that interest which they may have in any of the items under consideration at this meeting.
3.	Minutes (Pages 7 - 14) To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 26 July 2023.
4.	Chair's Announcements To receive communications from the Chair.
5.	Urgent Business The Chair to advise whether they have agreed to any items of urgent business being admitted to the agenda.
6.	Update on Workforce Skills and Capacity To provide the Committee with a presentation on Workforce Skills and Capacity.
7.	Northamptonshire Pension Fund Final Audit Results Report 2020-21 (Pages 15 - 62) To provide the Committee with the Final Audit Results report for Northamptonshire Pension Fund

8.	Pension Fund Annual Report and Statement of Accounts 2022-23 (Pages 63 - 260) To receive the Pension Fund Annual Report and Statement of Accounts for 2022-23
9.	Internal Audit Progress Report (Pages 261 - 274) To provide the Committee with the Final Audit Results report for Northamptonshire Pension Fund
10.	Update on Financial Statements (Pages 275 - 280) To receive an update on the Statement of Accounts for West Northants Council
11.	Northamptonshire County Council 2020-21 - Final Audit Results Report (Pages 281 - 340) To receive the final audit results report for Northamptonshire County Council's accounts for 2020-21
12.	External Audit Progress Report (Ernst & Young) To receive a verbal update from Ernst and Young
13.	External Audit Progress Report (Grant Thornton) To receive a verbal update from Grant Thornton
14.	Update on Governance The committee to receive a verbal update on Governance issues.
15.	Verbal Update on Budget Setting To receive a verbal update on the budget setting process.
16.	Review of Committee Work Programme (Pages 341 - 344) To review and note the Committee Work Programme.
17.	Exclusion of the Press and Public The following report(s) contain exempt information as defined in the following paragraph(s) of Part 1, Schedule 12A of Local Government Act 1972.

Members are reminded that whilst the following item(s) have been marked as exempt, it is for the meeting to decide whether or not to consider each of them in private or in public. In making the decision, members should balance the interests of individuals or the Council itself in having access to the information. In considering their discretion members should also be mindful of the advice of Council Officers.

Should Members decide not to make a decision in public, they are recommended to resolve as follows:

“That under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item(s) of business on the grounds that, if the public and press were present, it would be likely that exempt information falling under the provisions of Schedule 12A, Part I, Paragraph(s) XXXXX would be disclosed to them, and that in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.”

Catherine Whitehead
Proper Officer
13 November 2023

Audit and Governance Committee Members:

Councillor Cecile Irving-Swift (Chair)

Councillor Charles Manners (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Jamal Alwahabi

Councillor Alan Chantler

Councillor Stephen Clarke

Councillor Keith Holland-Delamere

Councillor Mark Hughes

Councillor Rosie Humphreys

Councillor Sam Rumens

Information about this Agenda

Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence and the appointment of substitute Members should be notified to democraticservices@westnorthants.gov.uk prior to the start of the meeting.

Declarations of Interest

Members are asked to declare interests at item 2 on the agenda or if arriving after the start of the meeting, at the start of the relevant agenda item

Local Government and Finance Act 1992 – Budget Setting, Contracts & Supplementary Estimates

Members are reminded that any member who is two months in arrears with Council Tax must declare that fact and may speak but not vote on any decision which involves budget setting, extending or agreeing contracts or incurring expenditure not provided for in the agreed budget for a given year and could affect calculations on the level of Council Tax.

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