



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 Wednesday 27 March 2024 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 5 - 14) To confirm the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 21 st November 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.	Internal Audit Plan 2024-25 (Pages 15 - 26)
7.	Internal Audit Progress (Pages 27 - 70)
8.	Public Sector Internal Audit Standards - Self Assessment (Pages 71 - 92)

9.	CIPFA Position Statement on Audit Committees (Pages 93 - 110)
10.	Risk Management Strategy and Strategic Risk Register (Pages 111 - 142)
11.	External Audit - progress report (Pages 143 - 156)
12.	Grant Thornton Audit Plan for Northamptonshire Pension Fund 2023-24 (Pages 157 - 182)
13.	Update Report - Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (as amended) (Pages 183 - 204)
14.	Update on Governance (Pages 205 - 224)
15.	Update on Budget Setting and Revenue and Capital Medium Term Capital Programme Verbal Update
16.	Review of Committee Work Programme (Pages 225 - 228) To review and note the Committee Work Programme.

Catherine Whitehead
Proper Officer
19 March 2024

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

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Declarations of Interest

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

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