

Audit Committee

20 July 2020

Wednesday, 29 July 2020 commencing at 6.00 pm.

The meeting will be held virtually and live streamed

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1. **Apologies for Absence**

To receive apologies for absence from the meeting.

2. Declarations of Interest and Dispensations

You are invited to declare any registerable or non-registerable interests in matters appearing on the agenda, and the nature of that interest.

You are also invited to disclose any dispensation in relation to any registerable or non-registerable interests that have been granted in respect of any matters appearing on the agenda.

3. Minutes

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 20 November 2019.

4. Certification of Claims and Returns - Annual Report 2018/19 9 - 18

To give consideration to a report which summarises the results of work carried out by the external auditors on the Authority's claims and returns 2018/19.

5. Audit Planning Report for the Year Ended 31 March 2020 19 - 60

To give consideration to a report which provides the Committee with the basis to review the proposed audit approach and the scope for the 2019/20 Audit.

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	To give consideration to a report on the key outcomes of Internal Audit reports issued between 1 November 2019 and 1 July 2020.	
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13.	Exclusion Resolution	

The Committee will be requested to pass the following resolution: Resolved that under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) and having applied a public interest test as defined in Part 2 of Schedule 12A of the Act, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

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	To give consideration to an update report on the Strategic Audit Plan for 2020/21 taking account of the Covid-19 pandemic.	

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Members of the Audit Committee

Kevin Robinson (Chair) Councillor Debbie Cox Councillor Anthony McMullen Councillor Martin Rankin Councillor Judith Wallace Malcolm Wilkinson (Deputy Chair) Councillor Naomi Craven Councillor Janice Mole Councillor Paul Richardson