

Notice of Meeting

Audit Committee

Date: Monday 18 March 2024

Time: 5.30 pm

Venue: The Annexe, Crosfield Hall, Broadwater Road, Romsey, Hampshire,
SO51 8GL

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The recommendations contained in the Agenda are made by the Officers and these recommendations may or may not be accepted by the Committee.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SCHEME

If members of the public wish to address the meeting they should notify the Legal and Democratic Service at the Council's Beech Hurst office by noon on the working day before the meeting.

Membership of Audit Committee

MEMBER

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Councillor C Borg-Neal (Chairman)

Andover Harroway

Councillor S Hasselmann (Vice-Chairman)

Anna

Councillor R Hughes

Andover Harroway

Councillor I Jeffrey

Mid Test

Councillor R Kohli

Romsey Cupernham

Councillor M Leech

Andover Millway

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AGENDA

The order of these items may change as a result of members of the public wishing to speak

- 1 Apologies**
- 2 Public Participation**
- 3 Declarations of Interest**
- 4 Urgent Items**
- 5 Minutes of the previous meeting 5 - 8**

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 12 December 2023.
- 6 External Audit Update 9 - 34**

To present Ernst & Young's Value for Money Report.
(Kevin Suter and Andrew Brittain)
- 7 Annual Governance Statement 2023/24 35 - 50**

To consider the approval of the 2023/24 Annual Governance Statement.
(Carl Whatley, Head of Finance and Revenues)
- 8 Internal Audit Progress Report to 29 February 2023 and Draft Annual Audit Plan 2024/25 51 - 70**

To outline the work undertaken and progress against the Internal Audit Plan for 2023/24 by Internal Audit to 29 February 2024.
(Jan Balfour, Internal Audit Manager)
- 9 Corporate Risk Register - Update 71 - 79**

To provide an update and summary of the key risks contained in the Council's Corporate Risk Register.
(Jan Balfour, Internal Audit Manager)

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| 10 | <u>Anti-Fraud and Corruption Policy (including Whistleblowing) - Annual Update</u> | 80 - 90 |
| | <p>To provide an update on the Council's Anti-Fraud and Corruption Policy (including Whistleblowing).
(Jan Balfour, Internal Audit Manager)</p> | |
| 11 | <u>Accounting Policies 2023/24</u> | 91 - 105 |
| | <p>To present the Accounting Policies for the Statement of Accounts 2023/24 for approval.
(Jenni Carter, Accountancy Manager)</p> | |