



AUDIT COMMITTEE

(MEETING TO BE HELD – IN PART – JOINTLY WITH THAT OF THE STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE)

Date: Wednesday, 27 November 2024

Time: 6.00pm,

Location: Council Chamber, Daneshil House, Danestrete

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Members: Councillors: C Veres (Chair), T Plater (Vice-Chair), L Briscoe, P Bibby CC, R Boyle, L Guy, M Humberstone, C Roopchand, A Wells and T Wren

AGENDA

PART 1

1. APPOINTMENT OF PERSON TO PRESIDE

To appoint a person to preside over the element of the meeting which will be held jointly with Statement of Accounts Committee.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3. 2021/22 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND EXTERNAL AUDIT REPORT AND 2022/23 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND EXTERNAL AUDIT REPORT

To provide an update on the process of finalising the 2021/22 and 2022/23 Statements of Accounts, including the Annual Governance Statements.

The report also recommends that that committee approves the 2021/22 and 2022/23 Annual Governance Statements which form part of the statement of accounts, and authorises the CFO, after consultation with the Chair of Audit Committee/Statement of Accounts Committee, to sign the letters of representation required as part of the 2021/22 and 2022/23 external audit process.

After questions the Statement of Accounts Committee will adjourn to allow the Audit Committee to consider the report and to agree any recommendations.

Appendices 1 and 4 to follow

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4. URGENT PART 1 BUSINESS

To consider any Part 1 business accepted by the Chair as urgent.

5. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

To consider the following motions –

1. That under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as described in paragraphs 1 – 7 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act as amended by Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006.
2. That Members consider the reasons for the following reports being in Part II and determine whether or not maintaining the exemption from disclosure of the information contained therein outweighs the public interest in disclosure.

6. URGENT PART II BUSINESS

To consider any Part II business accepted by the Chair as urgent.