



## **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

**Date: Tuesday, 4 November 2025**

**Time: 6.00pm,**

**Location: Council Chamber**

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Members: Councillors: C Veres (Chair), L Briscoe (Vice-Chair), P Bibby,  
R Boyle, L Brady, T Plater, C Roopchand, T Wren and D  
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## **AGENDA**

### **PART 1**

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 3 September 2025.

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**3. MID-YEAR ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT UPDATE**

To consider the Mid-Year Annual Governance Statement update.

Pages 7 – 16

**4. MID-YEAR TREASURY MANAGEMENT REVIEW 2025/26**

To consider the Mid-Year Treasury Management review of 2024/25.

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**5. ANTI-BRIBERY POLICY**

To consider the Anti-Bribery Policy.

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**6. SHARED ANTI-FRAUD SERVICE (SAFS) YEAR END REPORT AND  
PROGRESS UPDATE**

To consider the Shared Anti-Fraud Service (SAFS) Year End Report and Progress update.

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**7. SHARED INTERNAL AUDIT SERVICE UPDATE**

To consider the Shared Internal Audit Service update.

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**8. URGENT PART 1 BUSINESS**

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

**9. 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.

**10. Q2 CORPORATE RISK REPORT**

To consider the Q2 Corporate Risk Report.

**11. UPDATE ON THE COUNCIL'S WHOLLY OWNED COMPANIES**

To consider the update on the Council's wholly owned companies which was presented to Cabinet and the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

**12. ICT UPDATE (CYBER SECURITY)**

To consider the ICT update for Cyber Security.

**13. URGENT PART II BUSINESS**

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