



## **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

**Date: Tuesday, 3 February 2026**

**Time: 6.30pm,**

**Location: Council Chamber**

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Members: Councillors: Carolina Veres (Chair), Lloyd Briscoe (Vice-Chair), Phil Bibby, Robert Boyle, Leanne Brady, Mason Humberstone, Dermot Kehoe, Tom Plater, Ceara Roopchand and Tom Wren

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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 4 November 2025  
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**3. ANNUAL TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY INCLUDING PRUDENTIAL IMPACT 2026/27**

To recommend the approval of the Treasury Management Strategy 2026/27, including its Annual Investment Strategy, Prudential Indicators and Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) policy.  
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**4. WHISTLEBLOWING POLICY**

To consider the Whistleblowing Policy Update  
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**5. SHARED INTERNAL AUDIT SERVICE (SIAS) PROGRESS REPORT**

To consider a report on the SIAS Internal Audit Plan 2025/26.  
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**6. URGENT PART 1 BUSINESS**

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

**7. 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.

## **8. PART II MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

To approve as a correct record the Part II Minutes of the meeting of the Audit Committee held on 04 November 2025.

## **9. URGENT PART II BUSINESS**

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