



AUDIT COMMITTEE

Date: Wednesday, 18 February 2026

Time: 6.00pm,

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

Independent Member: Syed Uddin

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 the Audit Committee.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3. 2024/25 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND EXTERNAL AUDIT REPORT

The Committee is requested to receive a presentation from the Assistant Director (Finance) on the External Auditor's (Azets Audit Services Limited) Audit Results Report for consideration and approval and the audited 2024/25 Financial Report including the Statement of Accounts.

Following the presentation, Members will be invited to ask questions of clarification.

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

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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.

