

To: Members of the Governance and
Audit Committee

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Dear Councillor

You are invited to attend a meeting of the **GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE** to be held at **9.30 am** on **WEDNESDAY, 28 JULY 2021 VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE**.

Yours sincerely

G. Williams
Head of Legal, HR and Democratic Services

AGENDA

1 APOLOGIES

2 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS (Pages 5 - 6)

Members to declare any personal or prejudicial interests in any business identified to be considered at this meeting.

3 URGENT MATTERS

Notice of items, which in the opinion of the Chair should be considered at the meeting as a matter of urgency pursuant to Section 100B(4) of the Local Government Act 1972.

4 MINUTES (Pages 7 - 14)

To receive the minutes of the Corporate Governance Committee meeting held on 9 June 2021 (copy enclosed).

5 DRAFT STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2020/21 (Pages 15 - 20)

To receive a report by the Head of Finance and Property (copy enclosed) to provide an overview of the draft Statement of Accounts 2019/20 and the process underpinning it.

6 ANNUAL TREASURY MANAGEMENT (Pages 21 - 52)

To receive a report by the Head of Finance & Property (copy enclosed) on the Annual Treasury Management and Treasury management update about the Council's investment and borrowing activity during 2020/21. It also provides details of the economic climate during that time and shows how the Council complied with its Prudential Indicators, and the details of the Council's TM activities during 2021/22 to date.

7 AUDIT ENQUIRIES 2020/21 (Pages 53 - 86)

To receive a report from the Head of Finance and Property (copy enclosed) introducing the Audit Enquiries Letter and the Council's response to those enquiries.

8 STRATEGY FOR THE PREVENTION & DETECTION OF FRAUD, CORRUPTION & BRIBERY AND THE FRAUD RESPONSE PLAN (Pages 87 - 124)

To receive the report by the Chief Internal Auditor (copy enclosed) setting out the Council's commitment to preventing, detecting and deterring fraud and corruption.

9 INTERNAL AUDIT UPDATE (Pages 125 - 150)

To consider a report by the Chief Internal Auditor (copy enclosed) updating members on Internal Audit progress.

10 INTERNAL AUDIT FOLLOW UP - PROJECT MANAGEMENT OF QUEEN'S BUILDING (Pages 151 - 162)

To receive an update (copy enclosed) on progress in implementing the action plan that accompanied the Internal Audit report on the Project Management of Queen's Building, which was presented to this committee in January 2021.

11 INTERNAL AUDIT FOLLOW UP OF CONTRACT MANAGEMENT (Pages 163 - 178)

To receive an update report (copy enclosed) on progress in implementing the action plan that accompanied the Internal Audit report on Contract Management.

12 ANNUAL SIRO REPORT (Pages 179 - 186)

To receive a report by the Head of Business Improvement and Modernisation (copy enclosed) which details breaches of the data protection act and complaints relating to Freedom of Information Legislation.

13 GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 187 - 190)

To consider the committee's forward work programme (copy enclosed).

MEMBERSHIP

Councillors

Ellie Chard
Tony Flynn
Martyn Holland

Barry Mellor
Rhys Thomas
Joe Welch

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