

Audit Committee Agenda



Date: Monday, 20 November 2023

Time: 2.00 pm

Venue: The Council Chamber - City Hall, College Green, Bristol, BS1 5TR

Distribution:

Councillors: Andrew Brown (Chair), David Wilcox (Vice-Chair), Fabian Breckels, John Geater, Zoe Goodman, Jonathan Hucker, Guy Poultney, Amirah Cole, Vacancy

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Agenda

1. Welcome, Introductions and Safety Information

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2. Apologies for absence.

3. Declarations of Interest

To note any declarations of interest from the Councillors. They are asked to indicate the relevant agenda item, the nature of the interest and in particular whether it is a **disclosable pecuniary interest**.

Any declarations of interest made at the meeting which is not on the register of interests should be notified to the Monitoring Officer for inclusion.

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting

To agree the minutes of the previous meeting as a correct record.

(Pages 8 - 14)

5. Action sheet

(Pages 15 - 16)

6. Public Forum

Up to 30 minutes is allowed for this item

Any member of the public or Councillor may participate in Public Forum. The detailed arrangements for so doing are set out in the Public Information Sheet at



the back of this agenda. Public Forum items should be emailed to democratic.services@bristol.gov.uk and please note that the following deadlines will apply in relation to this meeting:-

Questions - Written questions must be received 3 clear working days prior to the meeting. For this meeting, this means that your question(s) must be received in this office at the latest by 5 pm on **14 November 2023**.

Petitions and Statements - Petitions and statements must be received on the working day prior to the meeting. For this meeting this means that your submission must be received in this office at the latest by 12.00 noon on **17 November 2023**.

7. Work Programme

To note the work programme.

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8. 21/22 External Audit - Grant Thornton verbal update.

9. Treasury Management Mid-Year Report

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10. Q2 Corporate Risk Report

(Pages 33 - 83)

11. Internal Audit Half Year Report 23/24

(Pages 84 - 96)

12. Counter Fraud Update

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**13. Audit Committee's Half Year Report to Full Council 23/24
(Draft)**

(Pages 111 - 118)

14. Internal Audit Quality Assurance Improvement Programme

(Pages 119 - 149)

15. Internal Audit Plan 23/24 Q 4 Priorities

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16. Procurement Compliance Update



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17. 10 Minute Comfort Break

18. DSG Deficit Reduction Programme

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19. Exclusion of Press and Public

That under s.100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item(s) of business on the grounds that it (they) involve(s) the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph(s) 3 (respectively) of Part 1 of schedule 12A of the Act.

20. DSG Defecit Reduction Programme - Exempt Information

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