



Committee: AUDIT COMMITTEE
Date: WEDNESDAY, 31 JULY 2024
Venue: MORECAMBE TOWN HALL
Time: 6.00 P.M.

A G E N D A

1. **Apologies for Absence**

2. **Minutes**

To receive as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd May 2024 (previously circulated).

3. **Items of Urgent Business authorised by the Chair**

4. **Declarations of Interest**

To receive declarations by Councillors of interests in respect of items on this Agenda.

Councillors are reminded that, in accordance with the Localism Act 2011, they are required to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests which have not already been declared in the Council's Register of Interests. (It is a criminal offence not to declare a disclosable pecuniary interest either in the Register or at the meeting).

Whilst not a legal requirement, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 9 and in the interests of clarity and transparency, Councillors should declare any disclosable pecuniary interests which they have already declared in the Register, at this point in the meeting.

In accordance with Part B Section 2 of the Code Of Conduct, Councillors are required to declare the existence and nature of any other interests as defined in paragraphs 8(1) or 9(2) of the Code of Conduct.

5. **Strategic Risk Management** (Pages 3 - 18)

Whilst this report is public, Appendix B is exempt, and notice is hereby given that the meeting is likely to move into private session if it is necessary to refer to the exempt appendix.

Report of the Chief Executive

6. **Internal Audit Progress Report** (Pages 19 - 40)

Report of the Head of Internal Audit

7. **CIPFA Financial Management Code** (Pages 41 - 77)
Report of the Chief Finance Officer
Report published 24.07.2024
8. **Annual Governance Statement 2023/24** (Pages 78 - 97)
Report of the Monitoring Officer
Appendix published 25.07.2024
9. **Statement of Accounts Update** (Pages 98 - 103)
Report of the Chief Financial Officer
Report published 31.07.2024
10. **Audit Committee Training & Work Programme 2024-25** (Pages 104 - 106)
Report of the Chief Finance Officer
Report published 25.07.2024

ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS

(i) Membership

Councillors Paul Stubbins (Chair), David Whitaker (Vice-Chair), Ruth Colbridge, Colin Hartley, Peter Jackson, Kate Knight and Isabella Metcalf-Riener

(ii) Substitute Membership

Councillors Gerry Blaikie (Substitute), Dave Brookes (Substitute), Sally Maddocks (Substitute) and Sandra Thornberry (Substitute)

(iii) Queries regarding this Agenda

Please contact Sarah Moorghen, Democratic Support - email smoorghen@lancaster.gov.uk.

(iv) Changes to Membership, substitutions or apologies

Please contact Democratic Support, telephone 582000, or alternatively email democracy@lancaster.gov.uk.

MARK DAVIES,
CHIEF EXECUTIVE,
TOWN HALL,
DALTON SQUARE,
LANCASTER, LA1 1PJ

Published on 23rd July 2024.