



Notice of Meeting of

## **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

**Thursday, 30 May 2024 at 10.00 am**

**John Meikle Room, The Deane House, Belvedere  
Road, Taunton TA1 1HE**

To: The members of the Audit Committee

Chair: Councillor Mike Hewitson

Vice-chair: Councillor Andy Sully

Councillor Lee Baker

Councillor Mike Caswell

Councillor Mandy Chilcott

Councillor Habib Farbahi

Councillor Rosemary Woods

Lindy Jansen van Vuuren

Councillor Simon Carswell

Councillor Norman Cavill

Councillor Simon Coles

Councillor Tim Kerley

Councillor Gwil Wren

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Issued by (the Proper Officer) on Tuesday, 21 May 2024

# **AGENDA**

**Audit Committee - 10.00 am Thursday, 30 May 2024**

**Public Guidance Notes contained in Agenda Annexe (Pages 7 - 8)**

**Click here to join the online meeting (Pages 9 - 10)**

## **1 Apologies for Absence**

To receive any apologies for absence.

## **2 Minutes from the Previous Meeting (Pages 11 - 30)**

To approve the minutes from the previous meeting.

### **Exclusion of Press and Public**

**PLEASE NOTE:** Although the main minutes of the previous Audit Committee held 28 March 2024 are not confidential, Item 13 – Fraud Prevention in Somerset Council was considered in closed session, at any point if Members wish to discuss information within the Draft Confidential Audit Committee minutes 28 March 2024 – Item 13, then the Audit Committee will be asked to agree the following resolution to exclude the press and public:

### **Exclusion of the Press and Public**

To consider passing a resolution having been duly proposed and seconded under Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 to exclude the press and public from the meeting, on the basis that if they were present during the business to be transacted there would be a likelihood of disclosure of exempt information, within the meaning of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972:

**Reason:** Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

### **3 Declarations of Interest**

To receive and note any declarations of interests in respect of any matters included on the agenda for consideration at this meeting.

(The other registrable interests of Councillors of Somerset Council, arising from membership of City, Town or Parish Councils and other Local Authorities will automatically be recorded in the minutes: [City, Town & Parish Twin Hatters - Somerset Councillors 2023](#) )

### **4 Public Question Time**

The Chair to advise the Committee of any items on which members of the public have requested to speak and advise those members of the public present of the details of the Council's public participation scheme.

For those members of the public who have submitted any questions or statements, please note, a three minute time limit applies to each speaker and you will be asked to speak before Councillors debate the issue.

We are now live webcasting most of our committee meetings and you are welcome to view and listen to the discussion. The link to each webcast will be available on the meeting webpage, please see details under 'click here to join online meeting'.

### **5 External Audit Findings Report and Audit Conclusion for South Somerset District 2022/23**

To receive a verbal update

### **6 External Auditors Indicative Audit Plan for Somerset Council for 2023/24 (Pages 31 - 78)**

To consider the report

### **7 Joint Auditors Annual Report – Management Responses (Pages 79 - 86)**

To consider the report

### **8 Progress Report of the 2023-24 Internal Audit Plan (Pages 87 - 106)**

To consider the report

**9 Strategic Risk Management Update and Plan (Pages 107 - 130)**

To consider the report

**10 Audit Committee Annual Report to Full Council (Pages 131 - 168)**

To consider the report

**11 Improvement and Transformation Risk Report (Pages 169 - 178)**

To consider the report

**12 My Life, My Future: Adult Social Care Transformation Programme Update Report (Pages 179 - 242)**

To consider the report

**13 Update on reviews of Contract Management (Pages 243 - 256)**

To consider the report

**14 Aged debt 2023/24 outturn position - Sundry and Revenues (Pages 257 - 272)**

To consider the report

**15 Revised Treasury Management Strategy Statement for 2024/25 (Pages 273 - 310)**

To consider the report

**16 Treasury Management Annual Report 2023-24 (Pages 311 - 336)**

To consider the report

**17 Audit Committee Workplan (Pages 337 - 340)**

To consider the report