



Notice of Meeting of

## **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

**Thursday, 30 January 2025 at 11.00 am**

**Council Chamber, Council Offices, Cannards  
Grave Road, Shepton Mallet BA4 5BT**

To: The members of the Audit Committee

Chair: Councillor Mike Hewitson

Vice-chair: Councillor Andy Sully

Councillor Steve Ashton

Councillor Simon Carswell

Councillor Norman Cavill

Councillor Habib Farbahi

Councillor Diogo Rodrigues

Councillor Gwil Wren

Councillor Lee Baker

Councillor Mike Caswell

Councillor Simon Coles

Councillor Tim Kerley

Councillor Rosemary Woods

Lindy Jansen van Vuuren

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This meeting will be open to the public and press, subject to the passing of any resolution under the Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A: Access to Information.

The meeting will be webcast and an audio recording made.

Issued by (the Proper Officer) on Wednesday, 22 January 2025

# **AGENDA**

**Audit Committee - 11.00 am Thursday, 30 January 2025**

**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**

To approve the minutes from the previous meeting which are to follow.

## **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 Interim External Auditors Annual Report 2022/23 - Progress against Recommendations**

To consider the report, which is to follow.

**6 Interim External Auditors Annual Report 2023/24**

To consider the report, which is to follow.

**7 Somerset Council External Audit 2023/24 - Final Accounts Update**

To consider the report, which is to follow.

**8 Internal Audit Plan Progress Report 2024/25**

To consider the report, which is to follow.

**9 Treasury Management Strategy, MRP Policy and Flexible Use of Capital Receipts 2025/26**

To consider the report, which is to follow.

**Exclusion of Press and Public**

The Audit Committee is recommended to pass 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).

**10 Counter Fraud Action Plan Update - Confidential**

To consider the report, which is to follow.

**11 Breaches and Waivers 2024/25 Q2 & Q3 Update - Confidential**

To consider the report, which is to follow.

**12 Audit Committee Workplan 2024/25 (Pages 11 - 14)**

To review the Audit Committee Forward Plan for the remainder of the financial year.