# Audit Committee (virtual meetings to commence from June 2020 due to Coronavirus) Thursday 24 September 2020 10.00 am Virtual Meeting



To: The Members of the Audit Committee (virtual meetings to commence from June 2020 due to Coronavirus)

Cllr M Lewis (Chair), Cllr M Caswell (Vice-Chair), Cllr H Davies, Cllr B Filmer, Cllr L Leyshon, Cllr G Noel, Cllr M Rigby and Cllr P Ham

All Somerset County Council Members are invited to attend meetings of the Cabinet and Scrutiny Committees.

Issued By Scott Wooldridge, Strategic Manager - Governance and Risk and Monitoring Officer - 16 September 2020

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# AGENDA

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# \* Public Guidance notes contained in agenda annexe \*

### 1 Apologies for absence

#### 2 **Declarations of Interest**

Details of all Members' interests in District, Town and Parish Councils can be viewed on the Council Website at <u>County Councillors membership of Town, City, Parish or District Councils</u> and this will be displayed in the meeting room (Where relevant).

The Statutory Register of Member's Interests can be inspected via request to the Democratic Service Team.

#### 3 Minutes from the meeting held on 18 June 2020 (Pages 9 - 16)

The Committee is asked to confirm the minutes are accurate.

#### 4 **Public Question Time**

The Chairman will allow members of the public to present a petition on any matter within the Committee's remit. Questions or statements about any matter on the agenda for this meeting will be taken at the time when each matter is considered.

- 5 Approval of the Statement of Accounts 2019/20. (Pages 17 262)
- 6 The Audit Findings for Somerset County Council (Pages 263 292)
- 7 Approval of Pension Fund Accounts 2019/20 (Pages 293 310)
- 8 **Report of Internal Audit Activity Plan Progress 2020/21** (Pages 311 328)
- 9 Independent Review of Local Authority Financial Reporting and External Audit (Pages 329 - 332)
- 10 **Debtor Management Update Report** (Pages 333 340)
- 11 Anti-Tax Evasion Strategy (Pages 341 358)
- 12 **Committee Future Workplan** (Pages 359 360)

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To consider this report

# 13 Any other urgent items of business

The Chairman may raise any items of urgent business.