

Audit Committee

Tuesday 30 November 2021

**12.00 pm Luttrell Room - County Hall,
Taunton**



To: The Members of the Audit Committee

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

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Issued By Scott Wooldridge, Strategic Manager - Governance and Risk and Monitoring Officer - 22 November 2021

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AGENDA

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

1 Apologies for absence

To receive any apologies from Committee members.

2 Declarations of Interest

Details of all Members' interests in District, Town and Parish Councils can be viewed on the Council Website at [County Councillors membership of Town, City, Parish or District Councils](#) 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 23 September 2021 (Pages 9 - 18)

The Committee is asked to confirm that 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 Internal Audit Update (Pages 19 - 32)

The regular progress report from SWAP on the completion of the current Internal Audit Plan, highlighting any risks.

6 Approval of the Pension Fund Accounts 2020/2021 (Pages 33 - 68)

To consider the matters raised in Grant Thornton's Audit Findings Report, approve the Pension Fund Accounts, and approve the Letter of Representation.

7 Approval of the Statement of Accounts 2020/2021 (Pages 69 - 364)

To consider the matters raised in Grant Thornton's Audit Findings Report, approve the updated Annual Governance Statement, approve the Council's audited Statement of Accounts, and approve the Letter of Representation.

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8 **Appointment of External Auditors** (Pages 365 - 372)

To consider a report and proposal regarding the national auditor appointment arrangements.

9 **Independent Member for the Audit Committee** (Pages 373 - 384)

To receive an update report on the recruitment of an independent member for the Audit Committee.

10 **Committee Work Programme** (Pages 385 - 388)

To consider the current work programme for future meetings and receive any suggestions for additional items.

11 **Any other urgent items of business**

The Chair may raise any items of urgent business.