

Audit Committee

Thursday 24 November 2022

11.30 am Luttrell Room - County Hall, Taunton



To: The Members of the Audit Committee

Cllr D Ruddle (Chair), Cllr A Sully (Vice-Chair), Cllr Cllr L Baker, Cllr S Carswell, Cllr M Caswell, Cllr N Cavill, Cllr M Chilcott, Cllr P Clayton, Cllr H Davies, Cllr H Farbahi, Cllr T Kerley, Cllr M Lewis, Cllr J Snell and Whitten

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 November 2022

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AGENDA

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

1 Apologies for absence

To receive members' apologies

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 22nd September 2022 (Pages 9 - 14)

To approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on 22nd September 2022.

4 Public Question Time

The Chair 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 Statement of Accounts (Pages 15 - 278)

To approve both

- County Councils & Pension Fund accounts.

Please note: Members of the audit committee are required to attend a Statement of Accounts training session at 9.30am on 24th November in the Luttrell room, prior to committee.

6 External Audit Update (Pages 279 - 416)

The receive the following external audit reports

- Somerset County Council Audit Findings Report 21/22

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- Somerset County Council Auditors Annual Report 21/22
- Informing the Audit Risk Assessment for Somerset Pension Fund 21/22
- Informing the Audit Risk Assessment for Somerset County Council 21/22

7 **Internal Audit Update** (Pages 417 - 436)

The regular progress report from SWAP on the completion of the current Internal Audit Plan, highlighting any high risks that have arisen from their work

8 **Transport Budget Governance Verbal Update** (Pages 437 - 444)

To receive verbal updates on Transport Governance overspend as identified in the Transport Governance report 21/22 - requested by the Chair.

9 **Strategic Risk Update** (Pages 445 - 458)

The regular update on progress in mitigating the highest scoring risks

10 **Local Government Reorganisation Strategic Programme Risk update** (Pages 459 - 472)

To review the LGR programme risks

11 **Committee Future Work Programme** (Pages 473 - 474)

To consider and comment on the committee future work programme.

12 **Any other urgent items of business**

The Chair to raise any urgent items of business.