

Audit Committee (Advisory Board meetings only from 19 January 2022 onwards)

Thursday 10 March 2022

10.00 am Virtual Meeting held using MS Teams



To: The Members of the Audit Committee (Advisory Board meetings only from 19 January 2022 onwards)

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. Ms J Whitten – Independent Member

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

Issued By Scott Wooldridge, Strategic Manager - Governance and Democratic Services – 1 March 2022

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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 [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 **Notes of the meeting held on 27 January 2022** (Pages 9 - 16)

The Committee is asked to confirm the notes 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 **External Auditors Progress Report** (Pages 17 - 24)

To consider this report.

6 **External Auditors Annual Report on Somerset County Council and Somerset Pension Fund** (Pages 25 - 58)

To consider this report.

7 **Internal Audit update report** (Pages 59 - 74)

To consider this report.

8 **Internal Audit Plan and Audit Charter** (Pages 75 - 94)

To consider this report.

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9 **Committee Future Workplan** (Pages 95 - 96)

To consider this report

10 **Any other urgent items of business**

The Chairman may raise any items of urgent business.