



Notice of Meeting of

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Thursday, 28 September 2023 at 10.00 am

Luttrell Room - County Hall, Taunton TA1 4DY

To: The members of the Audit Committee

Chair: Councillor Mike Hewitson

Vice-chair: Councillor Andy Sully

Councillor Steve Ashton

Councillor Lee Baker

Councillor Simon Carswell

Councillor Mike Caswell

Councillor Norman Cavill

Councillor Mandy Chilcott

Councillor Simon Coles

Councillor Shane Collins

Councillor Habib Farbahi

Councillor Tim Kerley

Jennifer Whitten

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Issued by (the Proper Officer) on Wednesday, 20 September 2023

AGENDA

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1 Declarations of Interest (Pages 9 - 10)

To receive and note any declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests, other registrable interests and non-registrable 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.)

2 Apologies for Absence

To receive any apologies for absence.

3 Minutes from the Previous Meeting (Pages 11 - 20)

To approve the minutes from the previous meeting.

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.

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- 5 External Audit Update for South Somerset District Council 2021-22 (Pages 21 - 38)**
- 6 External Update and Audit Conclusion for Sedgemoor District Council 2021-22 (Pages 39 - 222)**
- 7 External Audit Plan for Sedgemoor District Council 2022-23 (Pages 223 - 250)**
- 8 External Update for Somerset Pension Fund 2022-23 (Pages 251 - 286)**
- 9 External Audit Update Report and Mendip District Council Statement of Accounts 2021-22 (Pages 287 - 612)**
- 10 Internal Audit Plan Progress Report for Somerset Council 2023-24 (Pages 613 - 634)**
- 11 Strategic Risk Management Update (Pages 635 - 642)**
- 12 Audit Committee Work Plan to May 2024 (Pages 643 - 644)**
- 13 Any other business**