



Notice of Meeting of

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 12 November 2024 at 10.00 am

**John Meikle Room, The Deane House, Belvedere
Road, Taunton TA1 1HE**

To: The members of the Audit Committee

Chair: Councillor Mike Hewitson

Vice-chair: Councillor Andy Sully

Councillor Lee Baker

Councillor Mike Caswell

Councillor Mandy Chilcott

Councillor Habib Farbahi

Councillor Rosemary Woods

Lindy Jansen van Vuuren

Councillor Simon Carswell

Councillor Norman Cavill

Councillor Simon Coles

Councillor Tim Kerley

Councillor Gwil Wren

Councillor Steve Ashton

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Issued by (the Proper Officer) on Monday, 4 November 2024

AGENDA

Audit Committee - 10.00 am Tuesday, 12 November 2024

Public Guidance Notes contained in Agenda Annexe (Pages 7 - 8)

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1 Apologies for Absence

To receive any apologies for absence.

2 Minutes from the Previous Meeting (Pages 9 - 20)

To approve the minutes from the meeting held on 29 August 2024.

3 Declarations of Interest

To receive and note any declarations of 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: [City, Town & Parish Twin Hatters - Somerset Councillors 2023](#))

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 Interim Auditor's Annual Report 2022-23 - Progress against Recommendations (Pages 21 - 36)

To consider the report.

6 South Somerset Council 2022-23 Final Accounts and Audit

To consider the report which is to follow.

7 External Audit Update for Somerset Council Pension Fund 2023-24

To consider the report which is to follow.

8 Treasury Management Mid-Year Report 2024-25 (Pages 37 - 64)

To consider the report.

9 Internal Audit Plan Progress Report 2024-25 Q2

To consider the report which is to follow.

10 Strategic Risk Report (Pages 65 - 112)

To consider the report.

11 Improvement & Transformation Programme Risk Management Update (Pages 113 - 134)

To consider the report.

Exclusion of Press and Public

The Audit Committee is recommended to pass a resolution having been duly proposed and seconded, in accordance with Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of Agenda Item 12 which includes exempt information on the grounds that it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the press and public were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information and the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

Reason: Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

12 Annual Waivers and Breaches Report 2023-24 & Q1 2024-25 - Confidential (Pages 135 - 142)

To consider the report.

13 Audit Committee Workplan 2024-25 (Pages 143 - 146)

To consider the report.