



Notice of a public meeting of

Audit and Governance Committee

To:	Councillors Hollyer (Chair), J Burton (Vice-Chair), Fisher, Mason, Whitcroft, Merrett, Rose, Leigh (Independent Member) and Binney (Independent Member)
Date:	Wednesday, 31 July 2024
Time:	5.30 pm
Venue:	West Offices - Station Rise, York YO1 6GA

AGENDA

1. **Declarations of Interest** (Pages 1 - 2)

At this point in the meeting, Members and co-opted members are asked to declare any disclosable pecuniary interest, or other registerable interest, they might have in respect of business on this agenda, if they have not already done so in advance on the Register of Interests. The disclosure must include the nature of the interest.

An interest must also be disclosed in the meeting when it becomes apparent to the member during the meeting.

[Please see attached sheet for further guidance for Members].

2. **Exclusion of Press and Public**

To consider the exclusion of the press and public from the meeting during consideration of the following:

Annexes 3-12 to Agenda Item 10 (Annual Report of the Head of Internal Audit and Counter Fraud Annual Report) on the grounds that they contain information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). This information is classed as exempt under paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A to Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as revised by The Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006).

3. Minutes & Action Log (Pages 3 - 18)

To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 9 July 2024 and to consider the Committee's action log.

4. Public Participation

At this point in the meeting members of the public who have registered to speak can do so. Members of the public may speak on agenda items or on matters within the remit of the Committee.

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- 5. External Audit Progress Report** (Pages 19 - 34)

To receive the latest audit progress report from Forvis Mazars, the Council's external auditors, included at Annex A.
- 6. Draft Annual Governance Statement 2023/24** (Pages 35 - 70)

To consider the draft Annual Governance Statement for the financial year ended 31 March 2024.
- 7. Draft Statement of Accounts 2023/24** (Pages 71 - 274)

To consider the draft pre-audit statement of accounts for the financial year ended 31 March 2024, included at Annex B.
- 8. Response to the LGA Assurance Report** (Pages 275 - 286)

To consider how the Council has responded to recommendations published in the Local Government Association's Assurance Report (2023).
- 9. Audit and Governance Committee Review of Effectiveness** (Pages 287 - 290)

To consider whether to arrange a review of the Committee's own effectiveness and, if so, the method and timing of such review.
- 10. Annual Report of the Head of Internal Audit and Counter Fraud Annual Report** (Pages 291 - 424)

To consider the Annual Report of the Head of Internal Audit, included at Annex 1, which summarises internal audit work undertaken in 2023/24 and provides an opinion on the overall adequacy and effectiveness of the council's framework of governance, risk management and control. An annual report summarising counter fraud activity and performance is also included at Annex 2.
- 11. Audit and Governance Work Plan 2024/25** (Pages 425 - 428)

To consider the Committee's work plan.
- 12. Urgent Business**

Any other business which the Chair considers urgent under the Local Government Act 1972.

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