

AGENDA

AUDIT AND RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, 25 FEBRUARY 2025

4.00 PM

**COUNCIL CHAMBER, FENLAND HALL,
COUNTY ROAD, MARCH**

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- 1 To receive apologies for absence
- 2 Previous Minutes (Pages 3 - 10)

To confirm the minutes of 4 December 2024
- 3 To report additional items for consideration which the Chairman deems urgent by virtue of special circumstances to be now specified
- 4 Members to declare any interests under the Local Code of Conduct in respect of any item to be discussed at the meeting
- 5 Audit Results Report 2023/24 (Pages 11 - 66)

To consider the Audit Completion Report for Year Ended 31 March 2024 from the Council's appointed independent external auditor - EY (Ernst and Young).
- 6 Final Statement of Accounts 2023/24 (Pages 67 - 200)

The purpose of this report is for members to review and approve the final Statement of Accounts for 2023/24.

7 Letter of Representation 2023/24 (Pages 201 - 208)

To agree the format and content of the Letter of Representation provided to the independent external auditor at the conclusion of the audit of the 2023/24 Statement of Accounts.

8 Risk Register - Quarterly Update (Pages 209 - 236)

To provide an update to the Audit and Risk Management Committee on the Council's Corporate Risk Register.

9 Whistleblowing Policy (Pages 237 - 256)

To provide the Audit and Risk Management Committee with an overview of the updated Whistleblowing Policy, and to provide a summary of recent statistics of whistleblowing complaints raised.

10 Internal Audit Plan 2024/25 Progress Report Q3 (Pages 257 - 270)

- To report progress against the Internal Audit Plan 2024/25 and the work undertaken since the last meeting of Committee, and the resulting level of assurance from the work.
- To advise of any developments within the Internal Audit Team, amendments to the Plan, and any significant internal control or governance issues.
- To provide a tracking information on the implementation of agreed audit actions and further progress and status update on those actions now overdue.

11 Audit and Risk Management Committee Work Programme (Pages 271 - 284)

For information purposes.

12 Items of Topical Interest

13 Items which the Chairman has under item 3 deemed urgent

Monday, 17 February 2025

Members: Councillor K French (Chairman), Councillor J Mockett (Vice-Chairman), Councillor G Booth, Councillor G Christy, Councillor Mrs J French, Councillor S Harris and Councillor S Tierney