

## AGENDA

### AUDIT AND RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

**MONDAY, 11 MAY 2026**

**4.00 PM**

**COUNCIL CHAMBER, FENLAND HALL,  
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- 1 To receive apologies for absence.
- 2 Previous Minutes. (Pages 3 - 14)  
  
To confirm the minutes of 17 February 2026.
- 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 Fraud Information Update  
  
A verbal presentation to inform of the work and outcomes of the Fraud Service at ARP.
- 6 External Audit Plan 2025/26 (Pages 15 - 66)  
  
To discuss the External Audit Plan for 2025/26.
- 7 Draft Annual Governance Statement (Pages 67 - 82)  
  
To review and approve the draft Annual Governance Statement for publication. Regulation 6(1) of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 requires the Council to conduct an annual review of the effectiveness of its system of internal control and publish an Annual Governance Statement (AGS). The CIPFA Finance Advisory

Network provides practical guidance for meeting these requirements.  
*Draft AGS is due for publication with the Statement of Accounts by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2026.*

8 Internal Audit Progress Report (Pages 83 - 100)

To consider and note the activity and performance of the Internal Audit function, and the implementation of Audit actions.

9 Internal Audit Charter and Risk-Based Internal Audit Plan 2026/27 (Pages 101 - 128)

To approve the internal audit plan and resources for the forthcoming year.

10 Risk Register - Quarter update (Pages 129 - 156)

To review and approve the quarterly risk register.

11 Audit and Risk Management Committee Work Programme. (Pages 157 - 166)

For information.

12 Items of Topical Interest.

13 Items which the Chairman has under item 3 deemed urgent.

Thursday, 30 April 2026

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