

19 September 2023

Committee	Audit and Governance Committee
Date	Wednesday, 27 September 2023
Time of Meeting	2:00 pm
Venue	Tewkesbury Borough Council Offices, Severn Room

ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ARE REQUESTED TO ATTEND

Agenda

1. ANNOUNCEMENTS

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2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS

To receive apologies for absence and advise of any substitutions.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Pursuant to the adoption by the Council on 24 January 2023 of the Tewkesbury Borough Council Code of Conduct, effective from 1 February 2023, as set out in Minute No. CL.72, Members are invited to declare any interest they may have in the business set out on the Agenda to which the approved Code applies.



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4.	MINUTES To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 19 July 2023.	1 - 9
5.	AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME To consider the Audit and Governance Committee Work Programme.	10 - 16
6.	EXTERNAL AUDITOR'S FINDINGS To consider the external auditor's findings 2022/23.	17 - 50
7.	LETTER OF REPRESENTATION 2022/23 To approve the S151 Officer's Letter of Representation on the closure of the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022.	51 - 56
8.	STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2022/23 To approve the Statement of Accounts 2022/23 and to delegate authority to the Executive Director: Resources, in consultation with the Chair of the Audit and Governance Committee, to make any necessary amendments upon receipt of advice from the external auditor on any outstanding issues.	57 - 153
9.	ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2022/23 To approve the Annual Governance Statement 2022/23.	154 - 170
10.	CORPORATE RISK REGISTER To consider the risks contained within the Corporate Risk Register and assurance that the risks are being effectively managed.	171 - 189
11.	INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN MONITORING REPORT To consider the internal audit work undertaken and the assurance given on the adequacy of internal controls operating in the systems audited.	190 - 207
12.	INTERNAL AUDIT SIX MONTH PLAN 2023/24 To approve the Internal Audit Six Month Plan 2024/24 (Oct-Mar).	208 - 214

DATE OF NEXT MEETING
WEDNESDAY, 22 NOVEMBER 2023
COUNCILLORS CONSTITUTING COMMITTEE

Councillors: H J Bowman, S R Dove (Vice-Chair), D W Gray, E J MacTiernan, P D McLain, J P Mills, P E Smith, R J G Smith and M R Stewart (Chair)

Substitution Arrangements

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