## NOTICE OF MEETING

# **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Monday, 10th November, 2025, 7.00 pm - George Meehan House, 294 High Road, N22 8JZ (watch the live meeting <a href="here">here</a> watch the recording <a href="here">here</a>)

**Members:** Councillors Erdal Dogan (Chair), Cathy Brennan (Vice-Chair), Mary Mason, Isidoros Diakides, Alessandra Rossetti, Sue Jameson and Alexandra Worrell

Independent Members: Reyaaz Jacobs and Reene Deba

Quorum: 3

#### 1. FILMING AT MEETINGS

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#### 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive any apologies for absence.

#### 3. URGENT BUSINESS

The Chair will consider the admission of any late items of Urgent Business. (Late items will be considered under the agenda item where they appear. New items will be dealt with under item 7 below).

#### 4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

A member with a disclosable pecuniary interest or a prejudicial interest in a matter who attends a meeting of the authority at which the matter is considered:



- (i) must disclose the interest at the start of the meeting or when the interest becomes apparent, and
- (ii) may not participate in any discussion or vote on the matter and must withdraw from the meeting room.

A member who discloses at a meeting a disclosable pecuniary interest which is not registered in the Register of Members' Interests or the subject of a pending notification must notify the Monitoring Officer of the interest within 28 days of the disclosure.

Disclosable pecuniary interests, personal interests and prejudicial interests are defined at Paragraphs 5-7 and Appendix A of the Members' Code of Conduct

#### 5. DEPUTATIONS / PETITIONS / PRESENTATIONS / QUESTIONS

To consider any requests received in accordance with Part 4, section B, Paragraph 29 of the Council's Constitution.

### 6. MINUTES (PAGES 1 - 18)

To confirm and sign the minutes of the Audit Committee meeting held 22 July 2025 as a correct record.

To review the action tracker.

# 7. 202425 EXTERNAL AUDITORS ANNUAL REPORT, INCLUDING VFM REPORT (PAGES 19 - 66)

For the Audit Committee to consider the draft Auditor's Annual Report from KPMG, which highlights their findings from the on-going audit of the Council's statutory accounts 2024/25, value for money (VFM) risk assessment review and other relevant information.

### 8. TREASURY MANAGEMENT Q1 REPORT 2025/26 (PAGES 67 - 84)

This report provides an update to the Audit Committee on the Council's treasury management activities and performance for the quarter ending 30<sup>th</sup> June 2025, in accordance with the CIPFA Code.

### 9. INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT (PAGES 85 - 114)

This report details the work undertaken by Internal Audit in the period 1 April to 31 August 2025 and focuses on progress on internal audit coverage relative to the approved internal audit plan, including the number of audit reports issued and finalised – work undertaken by the external provider (Forvis Mazars).

# 10. ANTI - FRAUD, BRIBERY & CORRUPTION REPORT - QUARTERS 1&2 2025/26 (PAGES 115 - 128)

This report details the work undertaken by the in-house fraud resources in the Audit and Risk team and communicates a first update on completion of the work plan for 2025/26.

### 11. UPDATED CORPORATE RISK REGISTER (PAGES 129 - 142)

The Audit Committee is asked to note the Corporate Risk Register as at 30 September 2025, attached at Appendix A.

# 12. ORGANISATIONAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR PROCUREMENT AND THE PROCUREMENT ACT (PAGES 143 - 154)

This report provides an update in respect of progress with all internal audit recommendations relating to Strategic Procurement, the current position with the implementation of the changes to ensure compliance with the Procurement Act 2023, which came effective on 24 February 2025, progress on the implementation of the Procurement Modernisation Plan and the newly created Commissioning Modernisation Plan.

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