

General Purposes & Audit Committee Agenda



To: Councillor Karen Jewitt (Chair)
Councillor Joy Prince (Vice-Chair)
Councillors Pat Clouder, Bernadette Khan, Mary Croos, Stephen Mann,
Jan Buttinger, Oni Oviri, Stuart Millson and Steve Hollands,

Co-Optee Members: Muffaddal Kapasi and (Vacancy)

Reserve Members: Clive Fraser, David Wood, Jamie Audsley,
Sherwan Chowdhury, Patsy Cummings, Toni Letts, Jason Cummings,
Badsha Quadir, Ian Parker and Simon Brew

A meeting of the **General Purposes & Audit Committee** which you are hereby summoned to attend, will be held on **Tuesday, 17 March 2020** at **6.30pm** in **F10, Town Hall, Katharine Street, Croydon CR0 1NX**

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AGENDA – PART A

1. Apologies for Absence

To receive any apologies for absence from any members of the Committee.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting (Pages 5 - 10)

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 13 January 2020 as an accurate record.

3. Disclosure of Interests

In accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct and the statutory provisions of the Localism Act, Members and co-opted Members of the Council are reminded that it is a requirement to register disclosable pecuniary interests (DPIs) and gifts and hospitality to the value of which exceeds £50 or multiple gifts and/or instances of hospitality with a cumulative value of £50 or more when received from a single donor within a rolling twelve month period. In addition, Members and co-opted Members are reminded that unless their disclosable pecuniary interest is registered on the register of interests or is the subject of a pending notification to the Monitoring Officer, they are required to disclose those disclosable pecuniary interests at the meeting. This should be done by completing the Disclosure of Interest form and handing it to the Democratic Services representative at the start of the meeting. The Chair will then invite Members to make their disclosure orally at the commencement of Agenda item 3. Completed disclosure forms will be provided to the Monitoring Officer for inclusion on the Register of Members' Interests.

4. Urgent Business (if any)

To receive notice of any business not on the agenda which in the opinion of the Chair, by reason of special circumstances, be considered as a matter of urgency.

5. Grant Thornton - Audit Plan (Pages 11 - 50)

To receive the Audit Plan for 2019/2020.

6. Mazars - Housing Benefits (Pages 51 - 52)

To receive the Housing Benefit Subsidy Claim Audit 2018/2019.

7. Internal Audit Charter, Strategy and Plan (Pages 53 - 72)

The report of the Internal Audit Charter, Strategy and the Plan of audit work for 2020/21 is attached.

8. Internal Audit Update Report (Pages 73 - 94)

This report details the work completed by Internal Audit so far during 2019/20 and the progress made in implementing agreed actions from audits completed in previous years.

9. Anti-Fraud Update Report (Pages 95 - 100)

This report details the performance of the Council's Corporate Anti-Fraud Team (CAFT) and includes details of the team's performance together with an update on developments during the period 1 April 2019 – 31 January 2020.

10. Corporate Risk Register (Pages 101 - 110)

The report updates the General Purposes & Audit Committee Members on the corporate risk register (the register) as at 17 March 2020.

11. General Purpose and Audit Committee Draft Annual Report 2019-2020 (Pages 111 - 122)

The General Purposes and Audit Committee Annual Report 2019-2020 is attached.

12. GPAC Independent Non-voting Member Recruitment (Pages 123 - 126)

This report identifies the recommended candidate to be appointed as an independent non-voting co-opted Member on the General Purposes and Audit Committee.

13. Update on In-Year Appointments (Pages 127 - 128)

This report updates Members on a number of in-year appointments made either by the Leader of the Council under executive powers or by the Council Solicitor under delegated powers since the last meeting of the Committee.

14. Council Meeting Dates 2020/21 Update

This is for the Committee to formally note the moving of the date for Council from 5 to 12 October 2020.

15. Exclusion of Public and Press

The following motion is to be moved and seconded where it is proposed to exclude the press and public from the remainder of a meeting:

“That, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt

information falling within those paragraphs indicated in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended.”

PART B